



Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association Records.

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CALL TO THE
Mississippi Valley Suffrage Conference

ST. LOUIS, APRIL 2, 3 AND 4

Upon a call issued by the presidents of sixteen state associations, the suffragists of the Mississippi Valley states attended a conference in Chicago, May 21, 22 and 23, 1912. The general subject of the Conference was "Local Problems and Methods of Work."

Fourteen states were represented, and the Conference was so satisfactory that it was voted that a similar one be held in 1913, and a committee was appointed to arrange details.

The Committee on Arrangements desires to announce that the Mississippi Valley Conference will be held in the Buckingham Hotel, St. Louis, April 2, 3 and 4.

The general topic of the Conference will be "Campaign Methods."

In addition to the state associations represented last year, three additional desire to join the Conference of 1913.

The program, which is in the process of construction, will be exceedingly practical, specific and helpful. Many who took part in the campaigns last year will be present, as well as those who are conducting new campaigns. Just the things you wish to know about organizing and conducting campaigns will be discussed.

Come, listen and learn; come and tell of your plans and experiences.

There will be two brilliant evening programs—April second and third in one of the large auditoriums of St. Louis.

The St. Louis suffragists will furnish entertainment of lodging and breakfast in private homes to those who desire it.

Please send your name to Mrs. Willard Bartlett, 4257 Washington Boulevard, St. Louis, Mo., Chairman of the Entertainment Committee.

Officers of state suffrage associations in the Mississippi Valley are urged to co-operate with the Committee on Arrangements to advertise this Conference and secure large state delegations.

Let all join efforts to make the Mississippi Valley Suffrage Conference in St. Louis, April 2, 3 and 4 a memorable one.

ELLA S. STEWART, *Chairman*
 5464 Jefferson Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

KATE M. GORDON
 1800 Prytania Street, New Orleans, La.

MAUD C. STOCKWELL
 3204 E. 51st Street, Minneapolis, Minn.

Presidents of the State Associations represented in the Conference

Grace Wilbur Trout - Illinois E. S. A.	Sarah Barnwell Elliott Tennessee E. S. A.
Harriet Taylor Upton - Ohio W. S. A.	Lily W. Thompson Mississippi W. S. A.
Clara B. Arthur - Michigan E. S. A.	Pattie R. Jacobs - Alabama E. S. A.
Alice A. Hall - Minnesota E. S. A.	Mary A. Safford - Iowa E. S. A.
Mrs. Henry Youmans Wisconsin W. S. A.	Lucy B. Johnston - Kansas E. S. A.
Anna Dunn Noland Indiana E. S. A.	Adelia C. Stephens Oklahoma W. S. A.
Dr. Amelia Kellar	Henrietta I. Smith Nebraska W. S. A.
Indiana Equal Franchise League	Kate Gordon - Louisiana E. S. A.
Mrs. Desha Breckinridge	Mamie I. Pyle - So. Dakota E. S. A.
Kentucky E. R. A.	Edna F. Gellhorn - Missouri E. S. A.

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March 7-9, 1915

PROGRAM OF THE Mississippi Valley Suffrage Conference

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

March 7, 8 and 9, 1915

SUNDAY MASS MEETING

Murat Theater 3 P. M.

(For Program See Last Page)

CONFERENCE SESSIONS--HOTEL CLAYPOOL

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

- MRS. HARRIET TAYLOR UPTON, Warren, Ohio.
- MRS. JOHN PYLE, Huron, South Dakota.
- MISS LAURA CLAY, Richmond, Kentucky.

Presidents of State Associations represented at the Conference:

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| Mrs. Pattie Ruffner Jacobs | Alabama E. S. A. |
| Mrs. Grace Wilbur Trout | Illinois E. S. A. |
| Amelia R. Keller, M. D. | Indiana W. F. L. |
| Mrs. Anna Dunn Noland | Indiana W. S. A. |
| Miss Flora Dunlap | Iowa E. S. A. |
| Mrs. Cora Wellhouse Bullard | Kansas E. S. A. |
| Mrs. Desha Breckinridge | Kentucky E. S. A. |
| Miss Kate M. Gordon | Louisiana W. S. A. |
| Mrs. O. H. Clark | Michigan E. S. A. |
| Mrs. Andreas Ueland | Minnesota W. S. A. |
| Mrs. Anna K. Kent | Mississippi W. S. A. |
| Mrs. Walter McNab Miller | Missouri E. S. A. |
| Mrs. Draper Smith | Nebraska W. S. A. |
| Miss Anne Martin | Nevada W. S. A. |
| Mrs. Clarence M. Darrow | North Dakota V. for W. L. |
| Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton | Ohio W. S. A. |
| Mrs. Cora B. Gotchy | Oklahoma W. S. A. |
| Mrs. John Pyle | South Dakota U. F. L. |
| Mrs. Crozier French | Tennessee E. S. A. |
| Mrs. Annette Finnegan | Texas E. S. A. |
| Mrs. J. Gale Ebert | West Virginia E. S. A. |
| Mrs. Theodora Youmans | Wisconsin W. S. A. |



MONDAY, MARCH 8, 1915.

9:30 a. m.

Appointment of Committee on Resolutions.
Appointment of Timekeeper.

Welcome DR. AMELIA R. KELLER, Indiana.
Response MRS. W. B. OWEN, Illinois
Presentation of Local Conference Committees.

LITERATURE.

- What to Print?
- Colored or White Paper?
- What Form?
- How to Circulate?

MRS. FLORENCE BENNETT PETERSON, Illinois.
MRS. CYRUS FIELD, New York.
DR. ANNA E. BLOUNT, Illinois.
MRS. ROGER G. PERKINS, Ohio.

WOMAN'S JOURNAL.

ALICE STONE BLACKWELL, Massachusetts.
WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN THE SOUTH.
KATE M. GORDON, Louisiana.
LAURA CLAY, Kentucky.
MRS. PATTIE R. JACOBS, Alabama.

1:30 p. m.

FINANCE.

How to secure money:

- From Anti Suffragists.
- From Indifferents.
- From Believing Suffragists.
- From Organized Suffragists.
- By Personal Solicitation.
- By Letters.
- From Organized Bodies.
- Pledges. Monthly and Yearly.
- How to Organize and Work Through Finance Committees, Entertainments, Sales, Fairs, Etc.

MISS ZARA du PONT, Ohio.
MISS HARRIET NOBLE, Indiana.
MRS. GRACE WILBUR TROUT, Illinois.
MISS DORIS STEVENS, Ohio.
MRS. GLENDOWER EVANS, Massachusetts.

OUR NEXT CAMPAIGN IN MISSISSIPPI VALLEY.

MISS FLORA DUNLAP, Iowa.
MISS MARGARET E. MCKINNEY, West Virginia.
MRS. ANDREAS UELAND, Minnesota.
MISS ADA JAMES, Wisconsin.
MRS. CLARENCE DARROW, North Dakota.

WHY WE WON.

MISS ANNE MARTIN, Nevada.
MRS. ANTOINETTE FUNK for Montana.
MISS ZARA du PONT, Ohio.

WHY WE LOST.

MRS. DRAPER SMITH, Nebraska.
MRS. CLARENCE DARROW, North Dakota.
MRS. WALTER McNAB MILLER, Missouri.
MRS. JOHN PYLE, South Dakota.

COUNTY FAIRS—THEIR VALUE.

- Speaking at Them.
- Booths.
- Distributing Literature.
- Souvenirs.
- Street Speaking.
- Window Displays.

7.20 Am. ar - M 7.50
Change cars at Station at 1 P.M.

6:30 p. m.

Dinner Hotel Claypool. Special Program.

TUESDAY.

9:30 a. m.

IMPORTANCE OF CHURCH WORK AND OF ENDORSEMENT OF MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION.

REV. KATHERINE W. COWELL, South Dakota.
MRS. LILLIAN E. SELLERS, Indiana.
DR. NELIA B. KENNEDY, Ohio.

WHO ARE OUR ENEMIES?

- The Liquor Men?
- Employees of Woman Labor?
- Conservative Dry Men?
- Thoughtless Women?

POLITICAL ALLIANCE.

MRS. GRACE WILBUR TROUT, Illinois.
MRS. ANTOINETTE FUNK, Illinois.

CIVIC CLASSES.

MRS. O. H. CLARK, Michigan.
MISS HARRIET NOBLE, Indiana.

CAMPAIGN METHODS.

- Street Meetings.
- Political Meetings.
- Team Work.
- Township Meetings.
- Ward Meetings.
- In Hills and on Plains.
- Bands, Bonfires and Parades.
- Debates.

MRS. FRANK W. DODSON, Iowa.
MRS. GEORGE B. TWITCHELL, Ohio.
MISS GRACE DRAKE, Ohio.
REV. KATHERINE W. COWELL, South Dakota.

1:30 p. m.

CONGRESSIONAL ACTION AFFECTING STATES.

- Presidential Suffrage.
- Federal Suffrage.
- Mondell Resolution.
- Shafroth Resolution.

CATHARINE WAUGH McCULLOCH, Illinois.
CLARA B. COLBY, Nebraska.
DORIS STEVENS, Ohio.
MRS. MEDILL McCORMICK, Illinois.

WHO ARE OUR ALLIES?

- Organized Labor?
- Grange?
- Federation of Woman's Clubs?
- Socialists?
- Prohibitionists?

MRS. ANNA D. NOLAND, Indiana
MRS. DINAH P. WOLF, Illinois.
MRS. JENNY C. LAW HARDY, Michigan.
MRS. ANTOINETTE D. LEACH, Indiana.
CATHARINE WAUGH McCULLOCH, Illinois.
MISS FLORENCE WATTLES, Indiana.

PRESS WORK.

- a. Done from State Headquarters.
- b. Press Association.
- c. Mats.
- d. Plates.
- e. Special Article.
- f. Bulletins.
- g. State Papers.

JULIA C. HENDERSON, Indiana.
ALICE STONE BLACKWELL, Massachusetts.
MRS. W. E. BARKLEY, Nebraska.
MISS MARGARET B. DOBYNE, Illinois.

4:30. A Tea by Indiana Woman's Franchise League, in honor of
Guests, in Hotel Parlors.

7:30 p. m.

PEACE.

MRS. WM. I. THOMAS, Illinois.
Secretary of The National Peace Association.
MRS. GLENDOWER EVANS, Massachusetts.
National Organizer of National Peace Association.

Suffrage Mass Meeting

MURAT THEATER

Sunday, March 7, 1914, Three P. M.

DR. AMELIA KELLER, Chairman.

Danner's Orchestra.

Invocation	REV. ALBERT HURLSTONE
Vocal Solo	MRS. ROY A. SELLERY
Address of Welcome on Behalf of State	HON. SAMUEL M. RALSTON, Governor of Indiana
Address of Welcome on Behalf of Chamber of Commerce	MR. JAMES A. OGDEN
Response	HARRIET TAYLOR UPTON
Women and War	MME. ROSIKA SCHWIMMER
Vocal Solo	MRS. ROY A. SELLERY

Hotel Headquarters Hotel Claypool.

General local Chairman, Dr. Amelia R. Keller, 416 K. of P. Building, Indianapolis.

Local chairman of Hotel accommodations, Mrs. F. R. Wands, 816 Odd Fellow Building, Indianapolis.

Local chairman of program, Miss Harriet Noble, 707 E. 20th Street, Indianapolis.

Local chairman on Monday dinner, Mrs. J. F. Barnhill, 1933 N. Delaware Street, Indianapolis.

Local chairman press work, Mrs. Julia Henderson, 816 Odd Fellow Building, Indianapolis.

Local chairman Sunday evening meetings in churches, Mrs. C. Barnes, 16 The Wellington.

All Meetings save Sunday will be held at Hotel Claypool.

[May 7-10, 1916]

MINNESOTA WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

HEADQUARTERS, 403 ESSEX BUILDING
MINNEAPOLIS

Dear Suffragist:

Just two things I want to emphasize in this letter that are of immediate importance to Minnesota suffragists—namely, the Mississippi Valley Conference to be held in Minneapolis, May 7-10, and the Iowa campaign.

The Conference will bring to Minnesota some of the most notable women of the country, including Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, and they will consider during the three days of the Conference the most important phases of suffrage activity. Probably we shall never have in the state another so large and important a suffrage meeting.

Minnesota women must do their share in making this event a success. Show your interest by attending the meetings. Show the suffragists who come here from other states that our women are alive to the importance of this cause and are in earnest in an endeavor to bring it to pass.

Come in such numbers and bring your friends to the mass meeting at the Auditorium, Sunday afternoon, May 7, that we shall have to have an overflow meeting.

Out-of-town women, plan to do your shopping at this time. In this way the merchants will become interested in our cause. Everybody wear the suffrage badge on these days.

Everyone, whether a member of our association or not, is invited to the banquet at the Radisson Hotel, Monday evening. Please reserve your ticket several days in advance through Miss Aimee Fisher, 403 Essex Building. Tickets are \$1.50. Evening dress may be worn or not, according to convenience.

Minneapolis suffragists are pleased to open their homes to those who would like such hospitality. Please send your names to Mrs. George H. Partridge, 403 Essex Building.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP IOWA?

1. Write to every voter in Iowa with whom you have any influence, asking him to vote for Woman Suffrage.
2. Go yourself to Iowa and work.
3. Send someone to work for you and the best way to do this is by sending a contribution to our Treasurer, Mrs. Victor H. Troendle, 1636 West 26th St. We are giving our organizer, Mrs. Albert McMahon, to the Iowa campaign for four months and must raise money to meet this expense. No contribution is too small to be acceptable and none can be too large. To help Iowa now means to help ourselves. Victory for Iowa June 5th means victory for Minnesota before long.

Within three months the women of the great provinces to the north of us, Manitoba, Alberta, and Saskatchewan, have become enfranchised. Let us do our best to help Iowa to step into line in this splendid march of freedom.

Faithfully yours,
CLARA UELAND.

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May 7-10, 1916.

A CALL to the Mississippi Valley Suffrage Conference

Minneapolis, Minnesota
May 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 1916



GENERAL TOPIC
"HOW TO WIN .. BY ORGANIZATION FOR ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP"

Every woman who is interested in human welfare is invited to attend the conference.

COMMITTEE

- Florence Bennett Peterson Chicago, Illinois
- Mrs. W. E. Barkley Lincoln, Nebraska
- Miss Annette Finnigan Houston, Texas

PRESIDENTS OF STATE ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTED IN THE CONFERENCE

- Mrs. Julian Parke Alabama Equal Suffrage Association.
- Mrs. O. F. Ellington Arkansas Woman Suffrage Association.
- Mrs. Harrison Monro Brown Illinois Equal Suffrage Association.
- Mrs. James W. Morrisson Chicago Equal Suffrage Association.
- Mrs. Anna Dunn Noland Indiana Equal Suffrage Association.
- Dr. Amelia R. Keller Indiana Woman's Franchise League.
- Miss Flora Dunlap Iowa Equal Suffrage Association.
- Mrs. Genevieve H. Chalkley Kansas Good Citizenship League.
- Mrs. Thomas Jefferson Smith Kentucky Equal Rights Association.
- Miss Jean M. Gordon Louisiana State Suffrage Association.
- Mrs. Orton H. Clark Michigan Equal Suffrage Association.
- Mrs. Andreas Ueland Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association.
- Miss Pauline V. Orr Mississippi Woman Suffrage Association.
- Mrs. Walter McNab Miller Missouri Equal Suffrage Association.
- Mrs. W. E. Barkley Nebraska Woman Suffrage Association.
- Miss Anne H. Martin Nevada Equal Franchise Society.
- Mrs. Robert Clendenning North Dakota Votes for Women League.
- Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton Ohio Woman Suffrage Association.
- Miss Flora E. Worthington Ohio Equal Franchise Association.
- Miss Jence Feuguay Oklahoma Woman Suffrage Association.
- Mrs. John Pyle South Dakota Universal Franchise League.
- Mrs. Guilford Dudley Tennessee Equal Suffrage Association.
- Mrs. James M. McCormack Tennessee Equal Suffrage Association.
- Mrs. Minnie Fisher Cunningham Texas Woman Suffrage Association.
- Mrs. J. G. Ebert West Virginia Equal Suffrage Association.
- Mrs. Henry Youmans Wisconsin Woman Suffrage Association.

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Mrs. Andreas Ueland, General Local Chairman
Minnesota State Suffrage Headquarters,

403 Essex Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

To the Women of the Mississippi Valley:

The Mississippi Valley is a center of suffrage campaigns and activities. It is all important that we should convene at this time and plan for greater efficiency in our methods to secure enfranchised citizenship.

We are approaching a national crisis in woman suffrage. The Federal Amendment will pass. What then? When the amendment passes, each state automatically becomes a campaign state. We must prepare. We must win.

Why You Should Go to the Conference.

Because every woman should assist in securing the political enfranchisement of her sex. She has benefited by the faithful toil of those who were loyal to the cause of equal suffrage in the past. Every woman should repay her obligations to the past by being loyal in her own day.

Because every **awakened** woman wishes to know how she can best serve humanity. She desires to contribute personal service to important social movements. In order to do this, each must learn how to organize the material of her own mind and systematize her own time. The Conference is a school of plans and methods for woman citizens.

Because women are not yet fully enfranchised in any social institution—not in property, not in the family, not in the church, not in the state, not in the school, not in culture, and not in business. Public suffrage for women will help secure their fundamental human rights. Political enfranchisement awakens women to a larger and nobler conception of life and service for humanity.

Come to give and receive. Come to inspire and be inspired.

FLORENCE BENNETT PETERSON, *Chairman*,
1320 Glenlake Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

MRS. W. E. BARKLEY,
1827 E. Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

MISS ANNETTE FINNIGAN,
Hotel Brazos, Houston, Texas.

THE PROGRAM

"How to Win .. By Organization for Active Citizenship"

THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY A CAMPAIGN CENTER.

GREETINGS FROM

- The Iowa Campaign.
- The South Dakota Campaign.
- The West Virginia Campaign.

HOW TO WIN—BY WHAT KIND OF LEGISLATION.

1. Presidential and Municipal Suffrage Bills.
2. United States Elections Bill.
3. The Federal Amendment.
4. State Constitutional Amendments.

HOW FEDERAL AND STATE WORK HELP EACH OTHER.

SUBMISSION OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

- Legislative Work.
- The Work of the Lobby.

HOW TO ORGANIZE A STATE.

- Preparedness for Both State and Federal Work.
- Organization of the State Board and State Headquarters.
- How to Plan a State Referendum Campaign:—
 - The Socio-Political Preliminary Survey.
 - Measuring the Affirmative Strength.
 - Measuring the Strength of the Opposition.
 - Financing a Campaign.
 - Campaign Policies and Publicity.
 - New Campaign Methods.
 - Campaign Speakers and Speeches.
 - How to Unify Allies for Getting Out the Affirmative Vote.
 - Election Day Precautions.
 - After Election Frauds.

ORGANIZATION OF CLUBS AND HOW TO KEEP THEM ORGANIZED.

- The Name—Suffrage? or Civic and Suffrage League? Village, Town, or City Club.
- Well-Worded Purpose.
- The Year's Program—A Definite Study of Public Affairs.
- Public Policies, Activities, and Campaigns.
- Keeping in Touch with Headquarters.
- Qualifications of the Suffrage Leader.
- Securing Group Co-Operation in Study and Field Work.
- How to Reach Rural Groups.
- Making the County a Power Unit.
- The Efficient Congressional District.
- How to Keep Organized.

ORGANIZATION OF EDUCATIONAL WORK OR GETTING READY TO BE ACTIVE CITIZENS.

- Sensing Historical Perspective.
- Review of Basic Principles.
 - The Best Way to Present the Three Fundamental Arguments.
 - Taxation—The People's Money.
 - Justice—The Ethics of the Movement.
 - Expediency—The Need for Women in Public Affairs.
- Education and Political Citizenship.
- Church Co-Operation for Good Citizenship.
- Why Not Have More Citizenship Classes.
- What are the Home Duties of the Woman Citizen.
- The Press.
- The Woman's Journal.
- The Use of Civic and Suffrage Literature.
 - Civic Books and Magazines a First Aid.
 - Growth of Suffrage That in Books Written by Men.
 - Why Not Have Community Literature.
 - National Publications.
 - Distribution of Literature.

SYMPOSIUM ON "THE WOMAN VOTE IN ILLINOIS."

- Have Women Been a Force for Good Government in Illinois.
- Results of the Woman Vote in Down State Towns and Cities.
- How We Organized to Get Out the Vote in Chicago.
- Running for Alderman in the First Ward of Chicago.

THE WOMAN VOTE IN OREGON, NEVADA, AND KANSAS.

HOW TO ORGANIZE POLITICAL WORK.

- How to Watch and Work with Every Political Unit.
 - In the town—township—county—state—congress.
- Permanent Committee Service.
- Woman's Platforms.
- Deputations.

HOW TO ENERGIZE THE POLITICAL POWER OF WOMEN.

- In the Enfranchised States.
- In the Unenfranchised States.

HOW TO SECURE RATIFICATION WHEN THE FEDERAL AMENDMENT PASSES.

MINNESOTA CONGRESSIONAL CONFERENCE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME—Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, May 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th.

CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS—Hotel Radisson, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

GENERAL PLANS—Mass Meeting in Auditorium Sunday Afternoon; Business Sessions, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday; Reception and Banquet, Monday Evening; Session on Political Work, Tuesday Evening; Congressional Conference, Wednesday Morning; St. Paul Mass Meeting, Wednesday Afternoon.

LITERATURE—There will be an exhibit of Literature and Suffrage Sundries in charge of Mrs. Esther Ogden, President of the National American Woman Suffrage Publishing Co. Come prepared to buy Literature. Help create a National Suffrage Literature Campaign.

ENTERTAINMENT—The committee will provide lodging and breakfast. Those wishing entertainment should send their names to Mrs. George H. Partridge, Chairman of Entertainment Committee, 403 Essex Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

GENERAL LOCAL COMMITTEE—Inquiries may be directed to Mrs. Andreas Ueland, General Local Chairman, 403 Essex Bldg., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

SPEAKERS

CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT.

Catherine Waugh McCulloch, Harriet Taylor Upton, Laura Clay, Ella S. Stewart, Harriet E. Vittum, Emmy Ewald, S. Grace Nicholes, Kate Gordon, Anne Martin, Alice Stone Blackwell, Flora Dunlap, Effie McCullom Jones, Theodora Youmans, Helen Guthrie Miller, Edna M. Barkley, Nellie Sawyer Clark, Mary Foulke Morrisson, Dr. Anna E. Blount, Annie Sargent Bemis, Virginia Brooks Washburne, Adella Maxwell Brown, Dora Sandoe Bachman, Mrs. Homer Miller, Mrs. C. C. Loomis, Agnes Ryan, Susan Quackenbush, Mrs. A. C. Moyer-Wing, Mabel Dunlap Curry, Dr. Amelia Kellor, Mrs. John Pyle, Mrs. Ruth Hipple, Mrs. Roger Perkins, Mrs. Victor Berger, Marian Drake, Mrs. W. I. Thomas, Agnes Nestor, Esther Ogden, Clara Ueland, Josephine Sailes Simpson, Dr. Ethel Hurd, Mrs. Alden H. Potter, Emily Noyes, Eugenia B. Farmer, Annabel Coe, Frances A. Lovhed, Anna Dickey Olsen, Mrs. Bertram Sippy, Dr. Maria Sanford, Mrs. James McCormack, Margaret Hamilton Irvin, Grace Clendenning, Kate Scritsmier, Dr. Nina Dewey.

"Citizenship for women is a social development of our times."

—Jane Addams.

May 7-10, 1916

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Mrs. Henry Youmans, Wisconsin.

Minneapolis Committees
Headquarters 403 Essex Building

Mrs. Andreas Ueland, General Local Chairman.
Mrs. Russell M. Bennett, Chairman of Social Committee.
Mrs. Alfred H. Bright, Chairman of Music Committee.
Mrs. Anson B. Jackson, Chairman of Banquet Committee.
Mrs. Irving L. Corse, Chairman of Trains Committee.
Miss Nellie L. Merrill, Chairman of Printing Committee.
Mrs. George H. Partridge, Chairman of Entertainment Committee.
Mrs. Charles S. Pillsbury, Chairman of Finance Committee.
Miss Lillian Ritchie, Chairman of Information Committee.
Mrs. David F. Simpson, Chairman of Speakers Committee.
Mrs. S. A. Stockwell, Chairman of House Committee.
Mrs. Louis L. Schwartz, Chairman of Publicity Committee.
Mrs. Walter H. Thorp, Chairman of Press Committee.
Mrs. Victor H. Troendle, Treasurer.

Conference Headquarters
Hotel Radisson

Mass Meeting Auditorium

Sunday

May 7, 3:30

PROGRAM

Chairman, Mrs. Andreas Ueland

Music—At the Organ	Marian Austin Dunn
Invocation	Cyrus Northrop President Emeritus University of Minnesota
Greetings	Wallace G. Nye Mayor of Minneapolis
Response	Florence Bennett Peterson
Woman's Influence on Present Day Problems	Frank Nelson President Minnesota College
Vision and Fulfilment	Maria L. Sanford
Sovereign and Subjects	Carrie Chapman Catt
Canada Campaigns	Nellie McClung Alberta, Canada
Reminiscences	Harriet Taylor Upton
Woman's Opportunity	Emmy Evald
Reaching the People with a Great Reform	Effie McCollum Jones

Mississippi Valley Suffrage Conference

Sessions Hotel Radisson

PROGRAM

Chairman Florence Bennett Peterson

GENERAL TOPIC

How To Win—By Organization For Active Citizenship

MONDAY, MAY 8—9:00 A. M.

Welcome: Mrs. Andreas Ueland
Dr. Ethel E. Hurd

The Mississippi Valley a Campaign Center.

Greetings:

From the Iowa Campaign Flora Dunlap
From the South Dakota Campaign Mrs. John Pyle
From the West Virginia Campaign Mrs. Ellis A. Yost

How to Win—By What Kind of Legislation.

1. Presidential and Municipal Suffrage Bills.
Catherine Waugh McCulloch, Illinois
2. United States Elections Bill.
Laura Clay, Kentucky
3. The Federal Amendment,
Harriet Taylor Upton, Ohio
4. State Constitutional Amendments.
Mrs. Draper Smith, Nebraska
Pauline V. Orr, Mississippi

How Federal and State Work Help Each Other—
Alice Stone Blackwell, Massachusetts

Submission of the Constitutional Amendment.

Legislative Work.

Margaret Hamilton Ervin, Tennessee
Dr. Nina Wilson Dewey, Iowa

The Work of the Lobby. Dora Sandoe Bachman, Ohio
Discussion.

MONDAY, MAY 8—2:00 P. M.

Greetings: Mrs. W. T. Coe
President Minnesota Federation of Women's Clubs
Mrs. Eugenia B. Farmer

How to Organize a State.

Organization of the State Board and State Headquarters.
Mrs. Huntley Russell, Michigan

How to Plan a State Referendum Campaign—

The Socio-Political Preliminary Survey—the Nebraska
Plan. Mrs. W. E. Barkley, Nebraska
Mrs. H. H. Wheeler, Nebraska
Mrs. W. E. Hardy, Nebraska

Measuring the Affirmative Strength

S. Isabella Sanders, Illinois

Measuring the Strength of the Opposition,

Mrs. Henry Youmans, Wisconsin

Financing a Campaign,

Helen Guthrie Miller, Missouri

Campaign Policies and Publicity,

Mrs. Homer Miller, Iowa

New Campaign Methods,

Anne Martin, Nevada

Campaign Speakers and Speeches,

Ella S. Stewart, Illinois

How to Unify Allies for Getting Out the Affirmative
Vote

Mary D. Weible, North Dakota

Election Day Precautions,

Nellie Sawyer Clark, Michigan

After Election Frauds,

Harriet Taylor Upton, Ohio

Symposium on "The Results of the Woman Vote."

Reports from Illinois.

Have Women Been a Force for Good Government in
Illinois? Harriet Vittum

Results of the Woman Vote in Down State Towns and
Cities, Mrs. Harrison Monro Brown

How We Organized to Get Out the Vote in Chicago,
S. Grace Nicholes

Running for Alderman in the First Ward of Chicago,

Marion Drake

Anne Martin

Report from Nevada

Millie R. Trumbull

Report from Oregon

Report from Kansas

Cora Wellhouse Bullard

Report from California

Alice Park

MONDAY, MAY 8—6:30 P. M.

Reception and Banquet at Hotel Radisson.

TUESDAY, MAY 9—9:00 A. M.

Organization of Clubs and How to Keep Them Organized.

The Name—Suffrage? Or Civic and Suffrage League? Village, Town, or City Club? The Purpose.

Mrs. William B. Owen, Illinois

The Year's Program—A Definite Study of Public Affairs.

Susan Quackenbush, Wisconsin

Public Policies, Activities, and Campaigns.

Kate Gordon, Louisiana

Qualifications of the Suffrage Leader.

Mrs. Andreas Ueland, Minnesota

Securing Working Co-operation in Study and Field Work.

Alice Curtice Moyer-Wing, Missouri

Church Co-operation for Good Citizenship.

Kate Scritsmier, Wisconsin

How to Reach Rural Groups.

Mabel Dunlap Curry, Indiana

How to Organize Small Towns.

Grace Clendening, North Dakota

How to Organize Cities.

Mrs. D. R. O'Neil, Missouri

Making the County a Power Unit.

Ada James, Wisconsin

Discussion

Mrs. David F. Simpson, Minnesota

The Problems in Our Part of the State.

Mrs. Peter Olesen, Minnesota

How to Keep Organized.

Mrs. Charles P. Noyes, Minnesota

Elizabeth Perkins, Iowa

The Woman's Journal.

Agnes Ryan, Massachusetts

TUESDAY, MAY 9—2:00 P. M.

Organization of Educational Work or Getting Ready to be Active Citizens.

Progress Toward Constructive Peace.

Mrs. Frederick Holt, Michigan

Sensing Historical Perspective.

Ella S. Stewart, Illinois

Review of Basic Principles:

The Best Way to Present the Three Fundamental Arguments.

Taxation—The People's Money.

Virginia Brooks Washburne, Illinois

Justice—The Ethics of the Movement.

Alice Stone Blackwell, Massachusetts

Expediency—The Need for Women in Public Affairs.

Mrs. W. I. Thomas, Illinois

Why Not Have More Citizenship Classes.

Mrs. Edward W. Bemis, Illinois

The Home Duties of the Woman Citizen.

Mrs. James W. Morrisson, Illinois

The Press.

Woman Suffrage—A Newspaperman's Observations.

Mr. William Chenery, Chicago Herald

Co-operation.

Marjery Currey, Chicago Daily News

The Suffrage Press Bureau.

Mrs. Walter H. Thorp, Minnesota

The Use of Civic and Suffrage Literature:

Civic Books and Magazines a First Aid.

Cornelia Conger, Illinois

Growth of Suffrage Thought in Books Written by Men.

Dr. Anna E. Blount, Illinois

Why Not Have Community Literature?

Mrs. Roger Perkins, Ohio

National Publications.

Esther Ogden, New York

Distribution of Literature.

Mrs. S. V. Christ, South Dakota

TUESDAY, MAY 9—8:00 P. M.

How to Organize Political Work.

How to Watch and Work with Every Political Unit in the
Town, Township, County, State, Congress.

Catherine Waugh McCulloch, Illinois

Permanent Committee Service.

Gratia Erickson, Montana and Illinois

Deputations.

Mrs. Bertram Sippy, Montana

How to Energize the Political Power of Women.

In the Enfranchised States.

Anne Martin, Nevada

Agnes Nestor, Illinois

In the Unenfranchised States.

Mrs. Henry Youmans, Wisconsin

**How to Secure State Ratification When the Federal
Amendment Passes.**

Carrie Chapman Catt

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10.

9:30 A. M.

Minnesota Congressional Conference.

Report of Congressional Work. Mrs. Alden H. Potter

Reports from Mississippi Valley States.

The Congressional Prospect. Carrie Chapman Catt

1:00 P. M.

Informal Luncheon—Hotel Radisson.

Discussion of Conventions in Chicago and St. Louis.

3:00 P. M.

Automobile Ride for Out-of-Town Delegates and Visitors.

8:00 P. M.

St. Paul Mass Meeting.

Mrs. Charles P. Noyes, Chairman

Nellie McClung, Alberta, Canada

Ella S. Stewart, Illinois

Anne Martin, Nevada, and others

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Minneapolis



May 7 1916

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MISSISSIPPI VALLEY SUFFRAGE CONFERENCE

22 STATES REPRESENTED

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HEADQUARTERS: MASONIC BLDG., WARREN, OHIO



Mrs. Andreas Ueland,

March 5, 1917.

403 Essex Building,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Ueland:

Mrs. Peterson writes me that she absolutely cannot go on with the Mississippi Valley Conference. Isn't it a pity? You know about the trouble she has been having with her throat and of course we cannot insist on service if she isn't able to give it. Mrs. Upton and I have decided that the best thing to do will be for me to assume the chairmanship and do the work from this office and then have the rest of you help when it comes to the meeting, that is, have others take their turns at presiding, etc. I have written Mrs. Peterson to ask her to frame a tentative program. I hope she will be able to do this. Will you do the same? The sooner I can have your suggestions the better I will like it.

I have also asked Mrs. Peterson either to collect the pledges which were made at Minneapolis or to send the list to me so that I may collect them and we shall ask all the participating states to make a contribution towards expenses, so that we can engage some one to do the letters and so that we can do the

necessary publicity work, etc. I would feel quite unequal to this task were it not for the fact that we shall have so many victories to celebrate. That feature alone ought to ensure the success of the meeting and since Mrs. Catt has promised to come, I think we shall certainly be able to get our crowd. Mrs. Upton and Mrs. Catt decided upon May 12th, 13th and 14th as the dates. I do not know whether Mrs. Upton told you this in Washington or not.

Do let me hear from you and give me all the instructions which you think I ought to have. You see, I have never even been at one of the Mississippi Valley Conferences.

Yours faithfully,

EJH-MCS.

Elizabeth J. Hauser

March 14, 1917

Mrs. Elizabeth J. Hauser,
Ohio Woman Suffrage Association,
Masonic Bldg.,
Warren, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Hauser:--

I am very sorry that Mrs. Peterson is unable to go on with the Mississippi Valley Conference. She is so very capable and has the thing so well in hand. I wish I were able to help you.

Mrs. Thorp sent a great deal of publicity matter to Mrs. Peterson. We did collect and saved a fine stock of pictures, clippings, etc., programs, menus - copies of which Mrs. Thorp sent to Mrs. Peterson. I hope this will be of some help to you.

You ask me to frame a tentative program. I hope I can get to that before long.

We are in the throes of a legislative struggle having a Presidential Bill under consideration in the Senate. I will say, in between, that it looks dubious.

I will give you a few preliminary suggestions, which you probably do not need. First, our Civic & Commerce Association, the biggest men's organization here that brings the conventions, etc., paid for our big auditorium for the mass meeting. You should ask the Columbus Chamber of Commerce or whatever men's organization promotes conventions to do this. You should ask the Governor and the Mayor to appear at your mass meeting. You should get the different stores to decorate their windows in yellow, and the Columbus Association should furnish them banners, pennants,

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Mrs. Elizabeth J. Hauser,
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etc., As at other conventions, Columbus women should offer to entertain for lodging and breakfasts, all who will accept such entertainment. There were not more than twenty or twenty-five who did so in Minneapolis. You might have more as you will undoubtedly have more Ohio women come to the conference than we did Minnesota women.

We had an Automobile Committee who furnished automobiles for various occasions, as for meeting the women at the trains (I am not sure that is at all necessary- it is a good deal of work and the women as a rule do not tell you what trains they arrive on.) We had an automobile ride the last day, stopping as it happened at my house for tea.

I will try and get my mind down to this conference in a few days and write you a little more connected letter. If you could ask any questions, I think I might help the matter.

Very cordially,

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

STATE PRESIDENT

Dictated but not read by Mrs. Ueland.



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Warren, Ohio, April 3 1917

Mrs. Florence Bennett Peterson,
Mrs. Andreas Ueland,

Dear Mrs. Peterson & Mrs. Ueland,

The tentative program for the Mississippi Valley Suffrage Conference is ready. I have gone over it with Mrs. Upton and she thinks it is excellent. I am now writing to the various states for their cooperation and if we can get good speakers, I feel sure the program will be worth while. It seemed inevitable that the general topic should be Victory since there are so many victories to report. I am therefore calling the general topic Victory, How, Where When and Why. Saturday afternoon there will be greetings from the Ohio Woman Suffrage Association by Mrs. Dora Sandoe Bachman, our Second Vice-President and Chairman of the General Committee of Local Arrangements. You will remember that it was Mrs. Bachman who carried the invitation from the Columbus Conventions & Publicity Association to Minneapolis.

Following Mrs. Bachman, Col. John Y. Bassell will give greetings from the Publicity Association. Then we shall have a section on money since it is a foregone conclusion that we must have money to make any work successful. I hope Dr. Effie McCullom Jones of Iowa will make the opening speech. Then we shall have probably six states represented in the discussion, each to take a specific topic. For instance, Mrs. Mary Cowper of Kansas who has been working for the Ohio Association and is extremely successful in putting on How the Vote Was Won with which she has combined a lot of clever original features, will give a 10 minute talk on how to do that. Illinois will appoint a woman to take a specific division, Soliciting Money by House to House Canvas, I hope; next Minnesota will tell about the White Elephant Sale, and will Mrs. Ueland please consider right here that I am now asking her to appoint a woman who will make the ten minute talk on that and send me her name as quickly as possible. Ohio will tell about the Carnival Ball held in Cleveland election night. Wisconsin has worked out a

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specific plan of money raising which we know as the WISCONSIN Plan, and Mrs. Youmans or someone whom she will appoint will tell about that. Then one of the southern states should talk 10 minutes and we shall close with a general discussion lasting not over 15 minutes.

Next will come the section on Literature and Press, the general topic to be He Who Runs May Read, but Will He? The speakers for this are to be Mrs. Arthur Livermore, Chairman of the National Committee, Miss Esther Ogden, Manager of the National Woman Suffrage Publishing Company, Miss Blackwell and Mr. Henry P. Boynton of Cleveland. Again the topic will be divided so that each speaker will treat a specific part of the subject. At the close we will devote 20 minutes to the question box. Miss Ogden wrote and asked particularly for a little more time on the program than they had at Minneapolis. She said they will bring a very nice exhibit and it seemed to me that not only out of courtesy to the National, but for our own sakes we should put them on the program early and really give some time to this section.

The afternoon meeting will be followed by a dinner at the Hotel Deshler, plates \$1 50. I have asked Mrs. Upton to preside and we shall have seven or eight five minute speeches. I cannot now give you the names of all of the speakers but I want an equal number of women and of men and we are hoping to have former Governor Willis, a Republican, Judge Frank Gorman, of Cincinnati, a Democrat, and Judge Littleford, of Cincinnati, a Progressive and President of the Men's League of the State, among the men speakers. From 8:30 to 10 p.m. we will have an informal reception.

The Sunday afternoon mass meeting will be held in Memorial Hall. The speakers are to be our Governor, Mr. Cox, Mrs. Catt and Miss Rankin if she can come. We shall have an invocation by one of the most distinguished clergymen in Columbus, Dr. Gladden if we can get him, and I do hope we may be able to have music by the famous Buckeye Glee Club, which sang at both the National Republican and Democratic conventions, also, I believe, at President Wilson's inauguration. Then I have planned to ask a lot of distinguished men and women to sit on the platform, since the platform at Memorial Hall is so big, and advertise them as Vice-Presidents of the meeting.

Monday will be devoted to political work. The states which have had successful legislative campaigns will tell about their campaigns and explain

#3 Mrs. Peterson and Mrs. Ueland. April 3, 1917.

their measures &c. The States which have secured submission of constitutional amendments will also take part in this program. Then we want to devote some time to showing that women do vote where they have the vote, have something said about how to get out the vote and wind up the afternoon with a talk by Mrs. Maud Wood Park, the new Chairman of the National Congressional Committee. Mrs. Park is very popular in Ohio and since she likes Ohio as well as it likes her, we are very hopeful that we shall be able to induce her to come.

For the Monday evening meeting, Mrs. McCulloch will make one of the big speeches, which I hope will cover the opportunities presented to the States, participating in the Conference, by their constitutions. Mrs. McCulloch has all of this material and can assemble it into a corking address. I want her to develop the idea which she gave us in a little informal talk at the Atlantic City Convention and have explained it to her. Then I would like to close with a big speech by a big man on The Invisible Foe, that is the corrupt interests which oppose all Democratic movements in politics. My choice as speaker for this is Peter Witt of Cleveland. I have not yet asked him because Mrs. Upton is not quite sure that she agrees with me as to the advisability of having him. Mr. Witt is a unique person, one of the most powerful speakers in our State or any other, one of the best informed men politically in the country. My idea would not be to have him make a suffrage speech at all but simply to show us what we must expect in the way of insidious influences when we do our work.

Then there must be time for invitations for the 1918 Conference and for resolutions, if we think it is wise to have them. At our State convention last fall, upon my recommendation, we appointed a committee at the beginning of the convention which committee put into shape all of the recommendations growing out of the various reports and presented same at the end of the meeting as our Plan of Work for the year. Mrs. Upton suggested that we do something of this kind at the Conference, appoint a committee to assemble the recommendations and present them at the close. I should very much like your opinion on this. Also, do you think we ought to have any resolutions except resolutions of thanks, &c. to our hosts?

Shall we offer speakers to various churches for their Sunday morning or evening services? I think the pulpits could doubtless be secured if we can be assured of enough speakers to fill them. I would like your opinion on this, however, before I ask the Columbus people definitely to take it up.

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I have asked Mrs. Catt to make her speech a summary of the victories gained throughout the world since the first Mississippi Valley Conference was held. As this will be the sixth, she would treat of the Gains of the Past Five Years. It seemed to me that a big public mass meeting was no place to go into details of victories and yet I thought it would be a great pity not to impress the crowd with the progress of the movement.

When you receive the final program, it will not be any such detailed and carefully worked out program as was the one at Minneapolis. I simply cannot work one out that way and we all know that each person has to do his work in his own way. While the program will be nothing like as good as it would have been if Mrs. Peterson had worked it out, I think it is rather attractive, and I see no reason why we should not get a very good attendance with so many fine speakers. In addition to the ones I have mentioned, we expect Mrs. Raymond Robbins, Miss Laura Chay, Mrs. Myron B. Vorce of Detroit, formerly our Corresponding Secretary and a corking speaker, Ella Stewart of course, and you two.

A very brief Call will go out tomorrow. Two weeks later I shall send another Call. It seemed to me that we would get better results by sending out two short Calls than by sending out one long one giving all the information.

Of course you realize that it will be extremely difficult to get any publicity with all this frightful war business going on.

You will be glad to know that we have just received word that the Ohio Supreme Court has upheld our East Cleveland case. This means that any Ohio city now operating under a charter or any Ohio city which may adopt a charter may extend suffrage to women in all municipal matters. Mrs. Upton considers this a more important victory than getting Presidential suffrage. We shall therefore have these two Ohio victories to crow over.

Please let me hear from you promptly, and believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

EJH:MSA

Elizabeth J. Dawson



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Warren, Ohio, April 5, 1917.

Mrs. Andreas Ueland,
403 Essex Building,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Ueland,

The first Calls for the Mississippi Valley Conference are just here from the printer and I am sending you a small supply under separate cover.

If you can use additional copies of this first Call, let me know and I will send them.

As the program develops I think it is going to be quite attractive and well worth while. The next important thing is to get the attendance.

Very truly yours,

EJH:MSA

Elizabeth J. Hauser
ACTING CHAIRMAN.

April 6, 1917

Miss Elizabeth J. Hauser,
Warren,
Ohio,

My dear Miss Hauser:--

Your letter containing outline of the program for the Mississippi Valley Conference is received. It seems to me most attractive and promising.

I want to warn you that you will have all kinds of disappointing and distracting things happen before your meeting. That is, people whom you depend on will drop out.

You ask me two questions, I think, one for some one to speak about the White Elephant Sale held in Minneapolis and I give you Mrs. Sumner Mc Knight's name. She was a Columbus girl, Henriette Turney. Her father still lives in Columbus. She will be quite a drawing card to Columbus people. She is very pretty and is married to the only son of an old and very rich Minneapolis family. Her husband has inherited very great wealth. The family is very conservative, but both Mrs. McKnight and her husband are among our best friends.

Your second question was whether you should try to place speakers in the churches. I should say from our Minneapolis experience that that

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is very well worth trying. We sent letters out to many churches and placed speakers in maybe eight or ten churches-perhaps not quite so many. We were successful in getting speakers before other meetings such as our Men's Rotary Club, Saturday Lunch Club and our Civic and Commerce Association. The Civic and Commerce Association is our big, prosperous men's organization. Mrs. Catt spoke at their luncheon. The churches will all ask for Mrs. Catt, but I do not need to tell you we must not overwork Mrs. Catt. Miss Laura Clay is a good Episcopalian and gave a very favorable talk in one of our churches here.

I have an uneasy feeling that I am not doing very much to help you in this conference as I should, but as you are probably finding out, no one can do much of anything but the people right on the spot.

With very best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

State President

April 9, 1917

Miss Elizabeth Hauser,
Warren,
Ohio

My dear MissHauser:--

We could use 100 or 200 of
your "First Call to the Mississippi
Valley Conference" if you can spare
them. We will send them out to the
leaders and officers in our different
counties.

Very cordially yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)



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Warren, Ohio April 11, 1917.

Mrs. Andreas Ueland,
403 Essex Building,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ueland,

Your letter of April 9th. at hand. When Miss Andrews gets through with the big list of letters in which Calls are to be enclosed, she will know how many she can spare you and will send them. In the meantime, I hope pretty soon you will write me and tell me whom we may expect from Minnesota. Things are going on very well and we have every reason to believe we shall have a very successful meeting. I am going down to Columbus tonight for a conference with the local committee.

I cannot recall whether I told you that Mrs. Catt, Mrs. Upton, you, Mrs. Peterson and myself are to be entertained at the Deshler Hotel by the Columbus Publicity & Conventions Association from Friday night until Tuesday morning. I think this is quite generous and I know we shall be well taken care of.

You never have answered about Elsa and whether there is any chance of having her with us in Columbus. I hope Mrs. Stockwell is coming.

Mrs. Catt says in a letter received yesterday that the Conference will come at just the right time to start the Congressional work off as it should be started. I think we ought to make a very special point of this in drumming up attendance and in so far as possible have our various Congressional District Chairmen attend. Of course I am leaving Minnesota entirely to you, knowing that you will do your very best to get a large delegation and to advertise the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth
ACTING CHAIRMAN.



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Mrs. Andreas Ueland,
403 Essex Building,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ueland,

We very much want Mrs. Simpson, who was toast mistress at your banquet in Minneapolis last year, to make one of the five minute talks at the banquet this year. I do not find her name on your letter head. Mrs. Upton is unable to give me her address. Please send it to me by return mail so that I may write and invite Mrs. Simpson to take part in the program. In the meantime, if you are in touch with her, you are at liberty to extend the invitation also.

Very truly yours,

Elizabeth J. Hauser
ACTING CHAIRMAN.

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April 17, 1917

Miss Elizabeth Hauser,
Warren,
Ohio.

My dear Miss Hauser:--

I am afraid that Mrs. Simpson has about made up her mind that she cannot go to Columbus. She has not been very well and has been obliged to give up some of the things she would like to do. I will tell her what you say, however, and you may write to her. She might change her mind. You may address her letter to the Hennepin County Association rooms, 930 Nicollet Ave. She has moved out to her country home and mail is slow in reaching her,

We have no letter in which you spoke of Elsa but I have written her urging her to meet me there. As it is on Saturday and Sunday, it is possible that she can come. I am rather planning to go with her to Philadelphia for a few days, after the conference.

I wish I might get a large delegation but I am not so very hopeful. You will surely have Mrs. Mc Knight and me, and I would like to send out the calls to some of the women in the State. I will also speak to Mrs. Stockwell, urging her especially to come.

Very cordially yours,

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)



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Warren, Ohio, APRIL 20, 1917.

Mrs. Andreas Ueland,
403 Essex Building,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ueland,

The Ohio Association graciously allowed us considerable space in their semi-monthly bulletin. I enclose a copy, by which you will see that we were able to get a good deal of Conference information published. Besides going to the regular mailing list we had 100 copies which we are distributing to the presidents of the participating states, to ministers, &c.

Everything is working out splendidly so far as the program is concerned, and if we can work up a good attendance, we are assured of a most inspiring meeting.

I am sending you under separate cover a small supply of poster window cards and will leave it to you to distribute these where they will be displayed to the best advantage.

Yours very truly,

Elizabeth J. Hauser
ACTING CHAIRMAN



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GENERAL TOPIC

Victory—How, Why, When and Where

Six states, maybe more, will have **VICTORIES** to report. Come and hear about them!

National and state workers will give expert advice on legislative work, press, literature and finance. Come and learn how to gain more **VICTORIES!**

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, our International and National President, will review the history of the years which have elapsed since the first Mississippi Valley Conference was held, and tell of the **VICTORIES** of these five years. Come and listen to her!

Hon. James M. Cox, Ohio's Governor, will tell about the State he helped to **VICTORY**. Come and honor him!

Mrs. Catharine Waugh McCulloch, Mrs. Ella S. Stewart, Mrs. Raymond Robins of Illinois; Miss Laura Clay, Mrs. Thomas Jefferson Smith of Kentucky; Mrs. Myron B. Vorce of Michigan; Mrs. Felix McWhirter of Indiana; Miss Florence E. Allen, Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton of Ohio; Dr. Effie McCullom Jones of Iowa; Mrs. Arthur W. Livermore and Miss Esther Ogden, representing the National Association; Mrs. Maud Wood Park, new chairman of the National Congressional Committee; Miss Alice Stone Blackwell, editor of the Woman's Journal and many other distinguished persons will take part in the program.

Can you afford to miss this opportunity to see and hear so many persons of national reputation? Surely not.

Come and help make this the best Mississippi Valley Conference yet held.

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Minneapolis
Miss Elizabeth J. Hauser, Acting Chairman,
Warren, Ohio

Mrs. Dora Sandoe Bachman,
General Local Chairman,
505 Grand Theatre Building,
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The Hotel Deshler will be headquarters and the meetings of May 12 and 14 will be held there, the Sunday afternoon mass meeting (May 13) in Memorial Hall.

Write directly to Hotel Deshler, Columbus, for reservations, \$2 a day and up.

Additional information as to program, hotels, entertainments, local committees, etc., will be sent later.

Address all inquiries to

ELIZABETH J. HAUSER, Masonic Building, Warren, Ohio.



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Mrs. Andreas Ueland,
403 Essex Building,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ueland,

I held up the enclosed letter until I should have time to write you a little further.

We shall be prepared for the usual number of disappointments. I have had charge of enough meetings of various kinds to know the game fairly well. However, Mrs. Upton says that fewer people are going to drop out this time than ever before on a Mississippi Valley Conference program. I do not know by what process of reasoning she reaches that conclusion, but I am willing to accept the conclusion.

I note with delight that Mrs. Sumner McKnight is Henriette Turney. I remember her very well. I am happy to put her down to speak on the white elephant sale. She will be a drawing card for Columbus. We are more than pleased that she is coming. I put her on the program for the white elephant sale when I received your telegram. The next morning brought your letter.

Since May 13th. is Mothers Day, we have decided to give up the idea of placing speakers in the churches. Of necessity the ministers will have prepared special programs and it would be some trouble to have them rearrange them. Mrs. Bachman and I agreed to drop out this feature, especially as we would not be willing to ask Mrs. Catt, Miss Blackwell, Mrs. Park and such folks to go and speak in the churches in the morning. Everybody would want Mrs. Catt and we do not want to overwork her, as you say. We want her to have a good time at the Conference if she can.

You are quite right in saying that people who are not on the spot cannot help a great deal.

#2 Mrs. Andreas Ueland.

April 23, 1917.

You will be able to help when you get here and that will be the important thing. I have put you down as the presiding officer for the Saturday afternoon meeting. I know you will do it awfully well, and I think you are going to have a mighty nice session to preside over. Then I have asked Judge Littleford, President of our State Men's League, to preside Sunday afternoon, and Mrs. Upton to preside Monday evening. I will take care of the Monday day sessions myself.

I cannot understand why my letter in which I mentioned your daughter Elsa did not reach you. Various letters in connection with this conference have gone astray. I am certainly at a loss to understand it.

Now that Michigan and Nebraska have been successful with their legislative campaigns, I will have to fix the program over once more. I broke my neck (nearly) to work out a detailed copy of the program Saturday afternoon and mailed it to the Woman's Journal and implored them to give all the space to it which they possibly could this week, and now that program will not be quite right. However, that is a comparatively small matter.

The Columbus people are going to entertain a limited number of delegates for lodging and breakfast. If it develops that someone besides yourself and Mrs. McKnight should come and would care for such entertainment, write direct to Mrs. C.B. Flagg 519 Grand Theatre Building, Columbus. Mrs. Flagg requests that all applications for entertainment shall be in her hands not later than Monday, May 7th. and that upon arrival in Columbus, delegates who have engaged such entertainment report to her at Headquarters at once to get their assignments.

You will probably receive from the Associated Press correspondent in Columbus a request for advance copy of the speech you will make in Columbus. If you do I beg of you to send them something. They mean to put out a great deal of material on the Conference by mail. It will go into small newspapers throughout the country where it will do a great deal of good. Of course in the present state of affairs we cannot expect much publicity if we depend on wire service and we ought to take advantage of this opportunity to get all the publicity we can by supplying the Associated Press the material for which they ask.

Yours most sincerely,

Elizabeth J. Hauver
ACTING CHAIRMAN

April 25, 1917

Miss Elizabeth Hauser,
Warren,
Ohio.

My dear Miss Hauser:--

I want to make a suggestion to you, if it is not too late, and that is that you put Mrs. Sumner Mc Knight on your banquet program. As I wrote you before, she is a charming young woman and very popular in Columbus. She is going to be there visiting her father, Mr. Turney, for some time before the conference, and she herself suggested that she might be able to get some people to go to the Banquet.

I suggest putting her on the Banquet Committee to help work it up and do give her a toast to respond to. She will do it with grace and charm, I am sure. Let her select her own subject. She is going to respond to a toast at our conference which we are holding in Duluth Thursday and Friday, this week, and she might use the same material.

We are working awfully hard for this Duluth conference which I hope may excuse us somewhat in your eyes what may seem like a lack of interest in the Mississippi Valley Conference. Are you finding it, (as we are) terribly up-hill work to get up enthusiasm for suffrage in the face

Miss Elizabeth Hauser,
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of the war situation?

Very cordially yours,

State President



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Warren, Ohio

April 27, 1917.

Warren, Ohio.

Mrs. Andreas Ueland,
403 Essex Building,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ueland,

Yours of the 25th. at hand. I note your suggestion that Mrs. Sumner McKnight be put on the banquet program. I remember her now and endorse all you say about her being charming and popular. I would like to put her on the program for the banquet but I believe we better not. We have eight speakers now, four men and four women, and it seems to me that we better confine ourselves to those eight. I am playing Mrs. McKnight up hard for the afternoon session. I would rather get her friends to that meeting. There will be no trouble whatsoever about filling the 300 places for the banquet. In fact, I am writing to Mrs. McPherson, Chairman of the Local Committee, this morning, and advising her that she see the Manager of the Deshler about seating 75 or 150 additional people in some private dining rooms on the same floor if we find that the demand for tickets greatly exceeds the number limit. In other words, we shall have our crowd for the dinner in any event and I would rather use Mrs. McKnight as a drawing card for the afternoon when I am not so sure of a crowd.

I note that you are working hard on your Duluth Conference and hope it will be a great success.

Yes, we are having some difficulty because of the war, but I think it is tremendously important that we should hold on very tight for the next few weeks. By that time we will find that things will have adjusted themselves and we will be able to go on in a more normal way. I was impressed to read an article by Lord Northcliffe in a current Saturday Evening Post in

#2Mrs. Andreas Ueland.

April 27, 1917.

which he says that in the early stages of the war in England enthusiasm was mistaken for organization and that that is just what we will find taking place here. I think that is very true. There is a lot of hysteria about the present activity which will evaporate. As the real organization takes place, people of value will find their places in it.

Everything is really coming on very well and Mrs Upton is predicting the best Conference so far held. Of course we shall just have to wait and see.

Very truly yours,

Elizabeth J. Hauser
ACTING CHAIRMAN.

May 1, 1917

Miss Elizabeth Hauser,
Warren,
Ohio.

My dear Miss Hauser:--

I think your Mississippi Valley Conference program seems to be coming along wonderfully well. I note that you want me to preside at your Saturday afternoon meeting, which I shall be pleased to do. I do not understand whether you expect me to give any talk at that time or at any other time. I speak of this because in your Ohio Bulletin I was spoken of as one of the speakers.

I want to tell you that at our Conference in Duluth Thursday and Friday of last week, Mrs. Mc Knight responded to the toast, "The Men, God Bless 'Em," and she was so altogether charming and attractive that I covet her for your banquet, and I want to tell you that if somebody falls out that you could not do better than supply their place by her.

Cordially yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)



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Warren, Ohio, May 2, 1917.

My dear State President,

The copy for the program of the Mississippi Valley Conference has finally gone to the printer. I realize that the program should have been out now in order to do us as much good in advertising as it should. However, it was impossible to get it out sooner unless I had been willing to use the names of a great many people who were not coming. This I was not willing to do. I have taken pains to put on the program all of the States participating in the Conference and, with few exceptions, the persons designated to represent those States are expecting to come. In case any State President is not coming, I hope she will make it her business to send a brief report of the topic assigned to her on the program. If she does this, we will have such report read by someone who will read it clearly and intelligently and our program can be carried out practically without any break so far as the report of actual legislative work is concerned. When it comes to discussions, I am asking various Ohio women to hold themselves in readiness to substitute for out of the State persons who may fail us.

To facilitate getting out the program, I have decided to print a separate program for the dinner and for Sunday after noon. All details connected with the dinner are ready now, but to print the topics and names of speakers would have crowded the program somewhat. Not quite all the details of the Sunday meeting are worked out, so that had to wait. I am not sure that the dinner program and the Sunday program will reach you before you leave home. Of course I am going to get them ready just as quickly as I can and have them printed as soon as possible. The minute the general program is ready, however, several copies will be sent you and I know you will do everything in your power to secure such eleventh hour publicity as may be possible. We shall have two editions of the program, one on cheap print paper for generous distribution and one on better paper for use at the Conference. You will therefore not judge the program by the copies which you receive for advertising purposes.

Mrs. Catt is so interested in the Conference that she is planning to be there a day ahead and to remain until the close. She is especially desirous of having meetings with the official

#2 State Presidents

May 2, 1917.

Boards of as many States as possible. She is corresponding with the States directly about this. We are certainly very fortunate to have her with us and I know that the States will be glad of the opportunity to talk over intimately with her the Congressional work which she especially wishes to discuss with us.

I want to explain now why there is no mention on the program of war time service for women or anything pertaining thereto. As it is, the program is well filled with the topics which should engage our attention. The moment we commenced to discuss war service, we would become involved in the merits of the conflict and those who believe the war was inevitable and those who cannot reconcile themselves to any war under any circumstances, would be unhappy, to put it mildly. The whole question of service is still up in the air. In various localities the women are finding their work and are attaching themselves to the groups with whom they can work. This will be increasingly true as time goes on. But nothing like an established order will have been worked out Nationally or by the States by the time we meet in Columbus. In our own State, the chief effort as directed from the Governor's office has been towards greater productivity on the farms. The Governor is making our public institutions set the example. Inevitably efficient women will fall into the niches where they will fit. What is true of Ohio is true of other States. There will be women at the Conference well fitted possibly to give advice along these lines and there will be opportunity for conversations about the emergency work. But such discussion will not be permitted on the program. I am explaining this in advance because a number of inquiries concerning this have been received here, and if we all understand in advance that we are not to bring any discussion relative to these matters into the Conference, it will clear the atmosphere.

I cannot close without telling you how confident we are that the meeting is going to be a really great success. Mrs. Upton, who has attended all but one of the Mississippi Valley Conferences, tells me repeatedly that she knows this is going to be the best Conference ever held. Ohio will certainly be very happy if it is able to maintain the high standard set by previous Conferences. We are very glad indeed to have the meeting here, we are gratified at the interest which our workers throughout the State are exhibiting in it, and we believe that we can assure you in advance that you will feel well repaid for the time and money you spend in coming.

Since I shall leave for Columbus the middle of next week, this will probably be my last letter to you.

Looking forward with pleasure to meeting you personally so soon, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Elizabeth J. Hauser

ACTING CHAIRMAN

[May 12-14, 1917]

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[Post - May 14, 1917]

Mississippi Valley Suffrage Conference

Columbus, Ohio, May 12, 13, 14, 1917.

The Mississippi Valley Suffrage Conference of 1917 was held in Columbus, Ohio, May 12th, 13th, and 14th.

The first session was called to order at 2 O'clock by Miss Elizabeth Hauser, Acting Chairman, who introduced Mrs. Andreas Ueland of Minnesota, the presiding officer of the afternoon. Mrs. Dora Sandoe Bachman gave greetings from the Ohio Woman Suffrage Association and Col. John Y. Bassell welcomed the convention to Columbus on behalf of the Columbus Publicity and Conventions Committee. Mrs. Ueland made the response for the convention.

Under the title "First Requisite - Wanted?" Mrs. E.S. Jordan, Chairman of Ohio's Finance Committee set forth the fact that in suffrage work the same as in any other business capital is the first requisite. The topic "How to Get It" was divided. Mrs. Mary O. Cowper of Kansas described the methods of raising money through suffrage plays; Mrs. Sumner T. McKnight described a white elephant sale given in Minneapolis; Mrs. Chas. Savage gave the details of a carnival ball held on election night in Cleveland; and Miss Harriet Bain told of the Wisconsin plan, which may be styled a Dollar Campaign with a follow up feature. Mrs. Grace Julian Clark of Indiana, Miss Laura Clay of Kentucky and Mrs. Malcolm McBride of Ohio spoke on other ways of securing funds.

The subject Literature and Press was introduced by Mrs. Arthur Livermore, Chairman of the National Literature Committee and Miss Esther G. Ogden, Manager of the National Woman Suffrage Publishing Company, who explained the work being done by those two organizations and presented displays of literature and suffrage novelties. Miss Alice Stone Blackwell made a statement regarding the consolidation of the Woman's Journal and the News to be called the Woman Citizen. Miss Blackwell expressed herself as being pleased with the change.

Mr. Henry P. Boynton of Cleveland spoke from the standpoint of an editor and his remarks were full of helpful suggestions to those who are working along publicity lines.

Saturday evening at 6:30 an attractive banquet was served in the ball room of the Hotel Deshler. Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton President of the Ohio Association, was toastmaster, and the following toasts were given: A solemn Occasion, Mrs. J.H. Francis, of Columbus, Are they Governed? Senator J. Henry Miller, Ohio, The Men, God Bless 'Em", Mrs. Sumner T. McKnight, Minneapolis, The Men's League, Judge William Littleford, Cincinnati, Reminiscences, Mrs. Myron B. Vorce, Detroit; In Fact, Miss Gratia Shipman Erickson, Chicago; The Pioneer, Hon. E.W. Doty, Cleveland; Now, More than Ever, Miss Florence Allen, Cleveland. There were 300 tickets issued. Every seat was taken and many of the chairs in the balcony were filled by people who could not obtain dinner tickets.

On Sunday afternoon, May 13th. Mothers' Day, a mass meeting was held in Memorial Hall. From the seating capacity of the house it was estimated that nearly 4000 people were present. Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton called the meeting to order and presented Judge William Littleford of Cincinnati, President of the Ohio Men's League for Equal Suffrage, the official chairman of the meeting. The Republican Glee Club of sixty voices rendered several patriotic numbers. Judge Littleford then introduced Hon. James M. Cox, Governor of Ohio, who addressed the audience for about 30 minutes and in concluding made a public declaration of his position on the suffrage question by saying, "Political Platforms mean something. Public opinion is an exacting thing. If political parties did not think seriously of suffrage, they should not have written it into their platforms. The party of which I am a member issued to us a very positive mandate, and as leader of the party, because the Governor of the State is the leader of his party, I shall give my help and my strength this year in defeating the referendum."

Miss Alice Speaks rendered a vocal solo, "When the Boys Come Home" the composition of her brother Oley Speaks.

Mrs. Catt gave her famous address "In Five Short Years" using the flags of the countries which have awarded suffrage to their women citizens.

Miss Elizabeth Hauser, Acting Chairman of the Conference, was called home Sunday noon by a telegram announcing the sudden and serious illness of her mother, so when the Conference convened Monday morning, Mrs. Upton presided at Miss Hauser's request.

The topic Essentials to Victory, Organization and Political Action, was discussed by Miss Laura Clay of Kentucky, followed by reports on legislative campaigns in various states. Mrs. Andreas Ueland spoke for Minnesota; Mrs. John Pyle for South Dakota; Miss Anna B. Lawther for Iowa; Mrs. Guilford Dudley for Tennessee; Mrs. John R. Leighty for Missouri; Miss Harriet Bain for Wisconsin; Miss Katherine Porter for Illinois E.S.^A. and Mrs. Catharine Waugh McCulloch for Illinois Suffrage Amendment Alliance.

Mrs. Maud Wood Park spoke of the Washington work and the Federal Amendment and made a strong appeal for assistance from the States.

Miss Alice Stone Blackwell was the representative to bring the news of victories in the east; in Rhode Island Presidential suffrage; Vermont municipal suffrage and in Maine both houses of the Legislature have voted to submit an amendment and it will come up in September.

Mrs. Catt made announcement of the Bureau of Education which the Leslie Commission has undertaken which takes over the entire press department of the National; and also explained about the Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense appointed by the Government.

At 12 o'clock a Dutch treat luncheon was served at the Hartman Hotel. It was expected that about 100 would be present and there were over 150. This caused a slight delay so the afternoon session was not called until about 3 o'clock instead of 2 as announced. The key note of the entire Conference was Victory, and the Monday afternoon session was given over in particular to recounting the suffrage gains of the year. Mrs. Brotherton of Michigan came with the news of a "speckled state", Michigan having just been granted presidential suffrage; Mrs. Margaret Brandenburg and Miss Zara duPont gave accounts of the campaign which won presidential suffrage for Ohio; Mrs. Grace Julian Clark of the Women's Franchise League and Mrs. Stimson of the Legislative Council of Indiana Women recounted the Indiana victory. In East Cleveland, Ohio, municipal suffrage was granted the women in the new charter, ~~it was declared unconstitutional~~ and the matter was carried through to the Supreme Court of Ohio and was decided in our favor, ~~just a few days before the convention opened.~~ Mrs. Roger G. Perkins of Cleveland told the story. The East Cleveland decision opened the way for other city campaigns and Mrs. Wm. Mc Pherson announced that Columbus is just entering on such a campaign with every hope of success.

Mrs. Ella Seass Stewart spoke on What we are Doing with the Vote in Illinois.

Mrs. Catt made some announcements regarding the Federal Amendment.

Mrs. Catharine Waugh McCulloch, Illinois, Mrs. John Pyle, South Dakota and Mrs. Ellis A. Yost, West Virginia, Committee on resolutions, presented the following.

We congratulate the members of the Mississippi Valley Suffrage Conference on the greatest sum of suffrage victories ever won in any other five months. Indiana and Arkansas lead with almost complete suffrage; Ohio, Michigan, North Dakota, Nebraska and Rhode Island have received presidential suffrage; Nebraska, Vermont, and North Dakota have received municipal suffrage; Maine, New York, Oklahoma and South Dakota have submitted a suffrage amendment; North Dakota and Iowa need only the vote of one more legislature to have their amendments submitted.

To bring suffrage to the women in other states, we ask that a woman suffrage committee be established in the lower House of Congress and we ask Congress to submit the suffrage amendment to the Federal Constitution so that all women under the Stars and Stripes may possess those rights enjoyed by women under a score of foreign flags.

Heavy industrial and agricultural burdens are coming onto women's shoulders and this is an additional reason why women should have every opportunity to be represented in every law making body by the votes of women.

Conservation and production of food through all the centuries has been women's work and women today will continue their ancient task. We ask Congress as a war measure to save the grain and fruit for food and to prohibit the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages.

Our sons and husbands are offering their lives to our nation We demand that the government protect them from temptations to drunkenness and licentiousness by establishing a White Zone around every training camp and by forbidding the soldiers to enter resorts of vice.

For the protection of men as well as women and children we urge that an equal wage standard for women who take men's places be maintained and that the protection of the workers should not be lessened or a backward step be taken because the war. In this connection, we call attention to England's experience which has proved that lengthening the hours in the munitions factories actually lessened the out put.

Our warmest thanks are due Governor Cox for his eloquent address, for his declaration of belief in our cause and his promises to defend it; to the press for its liberal space and friendly reports; to the musicians for the inspiring music; and to Miss Elizabeth Hauser and the other members of the program committee for this valuable conference.

We offer our best wishes for the success of the suffrage paper The Woman Citizen, and hope it may be as safe and true an exponent of woman suffrage as has our old reliable Woman's Journal under the able and unselfish care of Miss Blackwell.

We recommend that the next Conference be held in Sioux Falls South Dakota.

We nominate for next year's program Committee Mrs. Clara Ueland of Minnesota, Mrs. John R. Leighty of Missouri and Mrs. Grace Julian Clark of Indiana.

Mrs. Catharine Waugh McCulloch
Mrs. John Pyle
Mrs. Ellis A. Yost.

After some slight discussion on social hygiene brought out by the war resolution, the report of the committee and the resolutions as a whole were adopted unanimously.

Mrs. John R. Leighty had extended an invitation for the next conference to meet in St. Louis or Kansas City. Mrs. Brotherton invited the convention to meet in Detroit, and Mrs. John Pyle of S South Dakota came armed with letters of invitation from Sioux Falls and the latter invitation was the one accepted.

On recommendation of the Nominating Committee it was voted that resignations from the program committee be tendered to the committee and that such vacancies be filled by the other members of the committee.

Monday evening at 8 p.m. Mrs. Upton presided. Miss Laura Clay spoke for a few minutes informally and Mrs. McCulloch made an address Doors and Windows, followed by Mrs. Maud Wood Park Is National Woman Suffrage Possible Now?

The Mississippi Valley Suffrage Conference of 1917 was then declared adjourned.

Mary S. Andrews,
Acting Secretary.

[post: May 14, 1917]

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY SUFFRAGE CONFERENCE
COLUMBUS OHIO MAY 12-13-14, 1917.

C FINANCIAL REPORT.

RECEIPTS

Esther G. Ogden, New York	\$ 10 00
South Dakota Universal Franchise League	25 00
Kentucky E.R.A.	25 00
North Dakota Votes for Women League	25 00
Chicago Equal Suffrage Association	25 00
Wisconsin Woman Suffrage Association	10 00
Evanston Political Equality League	
Mrs. Peterson 5 00	
Miss Erickson 5 00	10 00
Iowa Equal Suffrage Association	25 00
West Virginia Woman Suffrage Association	5 00
Ohio Woman Suffrage Association	25 00
Michigan Equal Suffrage Association	25 00
Woman's Franchise League of Indiana	25 00
Conference Collections	206 66

DISBURSEMENTS

Clerical Services		
Mary S. Andrews, Apr. 1- June 1		130 00
Ohio W.S.A. Clerks		12 00
Elizabeth J. Hauser- 1/2 expenses to Columbus on preliminary Conference work		6 27
Mary S. Andrews, expenses to Conference		22 63
Printing		
Stationery	13 50	
1000 Calls	5 75	
200 Window Cards	16 00	
2000 Programs	17 25	
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Cards for Mass Meeting (Platform) _____		30
Mrs. Upton- telegrams, postage &c. at Conference _____		2 22
Ohio W.S.A. News Bulletin _____		1 50
Mrs. McPherson		
Printing Dinner Tickets _____		1 50
Flowers for Dinner _____		4 00
Mrs. Catt's Dinner Ticket _____		1 50
Dinner Tickets for Press Representatives _____		10 50
Fees to Waiters _____		4 00
Muslin Banner _____		10 80
Dinner Tickets for singer and a accompanist _____		3 00
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Warren, Ohio, May 24, 1917.

Mrs. Andreas Ueland,
403 Essex Building,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Mrs. Ueland.

This is the very first opportunity I have had to write you a line since my hurried departure from Columbus. Mrs. Upton tells me that you were made Treasurer of the Conference Committee for next year. In a few days Miss Andrews will be able to send to Mrs. Peterson and you a statement of expenses of the 1917 conference and then or a little later we will also transmit to you a check for the balance in the Mississippi Valley account. We shall have a nice little nest egg to hand over to you with which you can start the work for the 1918 conference. I am very glad to be able to have something to start you on since I had to gather up every bit of the money that I used. The States responded generously and I believe they will again another year. Then the collections were good too and it is a great comfort to be able to pay the bills and have something left. Mrs. Upton said Mrs. McCulloch felt that we had spent a good deal of money on the Conference, said she ran her Conference on a great deal less, but I am very sure that the Conference to which she refers did not in any way compare with the one we held in Columbus. I do not think we ought to try to do the Conference on a small scale. It is a big thing and it is worth spending money on.

In the order in which the Conference Committee for 1918 was named, you would be the Chairman. Shall I send to you the photographs and other material which Mrs. Peterson sent to me? The Leslie Press Bureau loaned us a lot of photographs but these I am of course returning to New York. If you have any suggestions to make let me have them as soon as possible.

It occurs to me as I write that you are probably in the east, so I shall not expect an immediate reply. With the best of good wishes,

Yours cordially,

Elizabeth J. Hauser
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#2 Mrs. Andreas Ueland

May 24, 1917.

P.S. Since writing the enclosed, Mrs. Upton tells me that she understands that you were made Treasurer of the Committee and that Mrs. Leighty is the Chairman for next year. In that case, probably the pictures, &c. would go to Mrs. Leighty. Is that right?

May 29, 1917

Miss Elizabeth Hauser,
Warren,
Ohio.

My dear Miss Hauser,-

I just returned from the East a day or two ago, and I want to take this opportunity of telling you how I enjoyed the Conference in Columbus and how sorry I was that you were called away.

Yes, I told Mrs. McCulloch that I could not possibly be chairman of the Conference Committee. With Mrs. Catt as National President, to be the president of a state association is a man's job, and I do not dare to undertake anything else. Next spring about the time when we should be preparing for the Mississippi Valley Conference, we will have to be very active in Minnesota to try to get people to run for our legislature who are in sympathy with woman suffrage. I think it would be better to call me Chairman of the Finance Committee rather than treasurer as I do not like accounts, but never mind about that now.

Yes, send all of your material to Mrs. Leighty. She seems an enthusiastic and energetic woman, and I think was quite willing to take the chairmanship.

Very cordially yours,

State President

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HEADQUARTERS: MASONIC BLDG., WARREN, OHIO



Warren, Ohio, July 7, 1917.

Mrs. Andreas Ueland,
403 Essex Building,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Ueland,

I feel sure that everything is closed up now in reference to the finances of the Mississippi Valley Conference, and I am enclosing a statement, from which you will see that there is a balance of \$117 18 on hand. Mrs. Peterson also has a little balance from last year, about \$5 00 I believe, which she has always held because there were one or two little things which had never been settled. However, as she never sent me the money, I do not feel that it should enter into my accounts in any way.

As I understand you are to look after the finances for next year, I assume that you will wish me to forward this balance to you. If that is not correct, please let me know where I shall send it. I would like to get it closed up now as soon as I can.

I wonder if you would be interested in what we are doing in our state work. I enclose copies of our Bulletin which will give you a little of our news.

With kindest regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

Elizabeth J. Hauser

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Warren, Ohio, July 14, 1917.

Dear Mrs. Ueland and Mrs. Peterson,

Since writing you a few days ago sending statement of the Mississippi Valley Funds, an additional bill for typewriter has come in. We had expected this bill, but waited for it until July 1st. and then concluded there would not be any further charge. This makes a slight change in the balance, and I am enclosing a corrected page of the statement which I will ask you to substitute for the second page of the statement previously sent you. This shows a balance of \$114 18 which I will send to Mrs. Ueland as soon as I can secure a New York draft from the bank.

I am also sending Mrs. Ueland under separate cover a package containing copies of the Call, the programs, the window card, a quantity of newspaper clippings from the Minneapolis conference, some photographs &c. We of course had other photographs for the Columbus Conference, but part of them were the property of our State Headquarters and a large number were loaned us by the Leslie Commission, and these latter have of course been returned to them.

Cordially yours,

Elizabeth J. Hauser

July 30, 1917

Miss Elizabeth Hauser,
Warren,
Ohio

My dear MissHauser:--

I am so mortified and humiliated at receiving your letter and your account to see that Minnesota did not send her subscription of \$25.00. I could not believe it but on consulting our treasurer I find it is only too true. I took it for granted that it had been sent. We subscribed that amount at the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Conference in Minneapolis a year ago, and it was brought up in a Board Meeting before the Columbus meeting, and I supposed that it was understood that it was to be sent but our treasurer did not take it to heart and just neglected to send it.

I am awfully sorry. As you have a balance anyway there is nothing to do about it at this time.

You can send the check to me and we will take care of it until it is time to send it to Mrs.Pyle.

I hope you have recovered from all the hard work and anxiety of the time of the conference.

Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs.Andreas Ueland)

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July 26, 1917.
Dict. July 24.

Mrs. Andreas Ueland,
403 Essex Bldg.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Ueland:-

Your letter of July 20 at hand. As I turned the book-keeping in connection with the Mississippi Valley Conference over absolutely to Miss Andrews I did not know that the Minnesota W. S. A. had not paid its pledge of \$25.00. I think it will be just as well for you to have that \$25.00 to add to the fund left from the Conference and if I were you I would stop feeling sorry because it had not been sent. We had enough money so what is the difference?

Mrs. Peterson has sent me a belated check for \$5.83 which she had left from last year. I want to add this to the balance here. After I have done so I will send the check to you as you direct. I am awfully glad that I shall be able to turn over a good sized check to you so that when Mrs. Pyle starts on the work next year she can do it without any embarrassment. It is a great comfort to have a little cash in hand isn't it?

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

EJH/B

Elizabeth J. Hauser

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Warren, Ohio,
July 27th, 1917.

Mrs. ^{la} Andrews ^{Ueland},
403 Essex Bldg.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs. ^{Ueland}:

Enclosed find check for \$114.18, balance due you from the Mississippi Valley account, also check for \$5.83 sent me by Mrs. Peterson. I find that Miss Andrews had closed the account here so I thought it was better to send Mrs. Peterson's check right on to you.

In addition to the \$25.00 which Minnesota will pay there is still due on 1917 pledges \$15.00 of the \$25.00 pledged by Gratia Erickson for the Evanston Political Equality League. She sent \$5.00 to apply on this and Mrs. Peterson sent \$5.00. It would be my judgment however we should not try to collect the remaining \$15.00. The money on hand and the collections next year will surely pay all expenses.

I am sending you also copy of the minutes of the 1917 Conference. I did not receive any minutes of the Minneapolis Conference and I do not know ~~if~~ ^{that} you will care for these but as the resolutions are included in them I thought you might find them of some value. I am keeping a copy of them.

I believe now this finally closes our Mississippi Conference Valley business. Please sign and return ~~all~~ receipts.

With the best of good wishes,

Yours most cordially.

EH:FB

Elizabeth J. Hansen

July 30, 1917

Miss Elizabeth Hauser,
Warren,
Ohio

My dear Miss Hauser:--

Thank you for the checks
for \$114.18 and \$5.83. I enclose
receipt as you request.

I am glad to have the
minutes of the Columbus Conference.
I see just one thing which may be
misleading, and that is that my name
is the first one named in the com-
mittee for next year. This might
give the impression that I was chair-
man whereas you remember Mrs. Leighty
was chairman. I should hate to have
anyone think I was chairman of this
committee, because with what we are
undertaking in the state, I should
be overwhelmed by any additional
serious responsibility.

Very cordially,

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Representative Woman's Journal

January 18th, 1918.

Mrs. Clara Ueland,
403 Essex Building,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My Dear Mrs. Ueland:

I received your letter of the 16th this morning and have done some studying upon the question involved. I usually find that to answer at once upon my intuition is rather a safe procedure, but in this case I find that the more I think about the matter and try to reason, the more undecided I become. However, I say this, that in the State of South Dakota at the present time, it would be an easy matter to comply with the request of the W.C.T.U. This is because we are bone dry with a tremendously strong sentiment back of it, but in the case of your state which is not yet dry and may not be for some time, and with the need of maintaining the friendship of both wet and dry and since your endorsement might not add greatly to the strength of the dry forces it seems to me that it would be better not to take a decided stand one way or the other.

Of course we know that we have very few substantial friends among the men who are truly wet and yet in our state, in the city of Lead, which is in the Hills, the suffrage amendment ran two-hundred ahead of the dry amendment. As I understand it, your next Legislature, which will be next year, will be asked to ratify the Prohibition Amendment and the Suffrage Amendment will in all probability be before that same Legislature for ratification. Now of course, the Legislature which would ratify the Prohibition Amendment would be expected to ratify the Suffrage Amendment. Would your open stand for a dry state have an adverse influence upon this Legislature for the suffrage when it was acceptable on the Prohibition Amendment? Of course, the safest procedure would be not to endorse at this time, providing the temperance forces would not resent it. However, it does seem as though they ought to realize and for the sake of our cause, refrain from placing us in any embarrassing position.

I feel that what I have said will be of very little value to you except that it may help you to decide for yourself. I have a friend who asks for advise, and then does as she thinks best. Her explanation is that the advise helps her to decide, and I trust that this may bring a little ray of help toward that end.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. John L. Pyle

239 SEVENTEENTH STREET
DUBUQUE, IOWA

January 1918.

Mrs. Andreas Ueland,
403 Essex Building,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.
My dear Mrs. Ueland,-

I scarcely know how to answer your letter except to say that our state organization has always taken the position that we would not endorse any thing but equal suffrage as an organization for that let us out of the difficulty with peace societies and prohibition organizations etc., Etc.

Now of course we are endorsing all manner of war activities, and allowing our names to go on all kinds of committees. Then to the amazement of some of us the organization at the State convention which was held the week before the prohibition vote was taken we endorsed prohibition unanimously and there was not a word of objection even after the convention broke up.

One might get around the difficulty by endorsing it now as a war measure, and of course I endorse it personally and do not hesitate to sign petitions for its carrying by state, nation or any other way. I do not however speak for it in public and I find that the so called "dry" counties did not help as much as they should have in our campaign. Of course I come from the wettest section of the state where we got a few more votes for suffrage than the prohibition got.

I think suffrage is a matter of justice and prohibition a matter of expediency. For myself I never find that prohibitionists seem to realize what an advantage women voting would be but the "wets" know what will happen when the women vote and do all in their power to prevent our voting.

Let me congratulate you on securing the complete representation in the House for the amendment. We failed to get one man, who comes from a pro-German section. He voted against the war, against prohibition, against suffrage. I hope that the senate will pass the amendment soon and let us get to the ratification. I enjoyed talking with Mrs. Simpson in Chicago on our way home from the convention.

Very cordially yours,

Anna B. Lawther
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Mrs. Myra Pepper Weller, Mitchell,
Representative Woman's Journal

January 26th, 1918.

Mrs. Andreas Ueland,
403 Essex Building,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My Dear Mrs. Ueland:-

I have just returned from Sioux Falls, where I went to attend the meeting of the Woman's State Defense Committee. I also had a conference in the evening with the Suffragists in Sioux Falls and find that they are getting very anxious to know what is being done or to be done for the Mississippi Valley Conference.

Mrs. L. Leavitt is the President of the Franchise League at Sioux Falls. I do not remember the names of the other members of the committee appointed at Columbus, but no doubt you are in communication with them. The Sioux Falls people are most anxious about the date as they have to make some arrangements soon with the managers of the hotels and auditorium for special dates. Will it be possible for you to take the matter up with the other members of your committee soon and please notify me of any definite arrangements you may make.

Very sincerely,

Mrs. Pyle
(Mrs. John L. Pyle)

JLP/MM

January 30, 1918

Mrs. John L. Pyle,
Huron,
South Dakota

My dear Mrs. Pyle:--

The Chairman of the Mississippi Valley Conference is Mrs. John R. Leighty, 1301 Manheim Road, Kansas City, Mo. I am sending her your letter, and telling her that I will co-operate in any plans that she may make.

The third member of the committee was a lady from Indiana whose name I cannot now recall. I am writing to Mrs. Catherine Waugh McCulloch to find out.

I do not wonder that the women of Sioux Falls want to have the plans for the meeting outlined. I do not understand why Mrs. Leighty has not written you. I suggest that you write to her also, at once.

It has been, as you can understand, a man's job to be president of a state association under Mrs. Catt this past year, so that I have felt quite unable to take any great responsibility outside of Minnesota, but will certainly do what I can to make your conference a success.

A letter from Mrs. Catt today speaks of a Council Meeting somewhere in the center of the country, if the amendment passes the Senate, either in March or April. The time of the Mississippi Valley Conference should not be too near this meeting.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

STATE PRESIDENT

January 30, 1918

Mrs. John R. Leighty,
1301 - Manheim Road,
Kansas City, Mo.

My dear Mrs. Leighty:--

I enclose a copy of a letter from Mrs. Pyle of South Dakota. They are anxious there, as you can understand, to have plans made for the Mississippi Valley Conference. As you are chairman of that committee, I send her letter to you. I shall want to help you in making the affair a success.

Do you remember the name and address of the third member on the committee? It was a lady from Indiana.

A letter from Mrs. Catt today says that if the Senate passes our amendment, she will call a Council Meeting probably in April. The Mississippi Valley Conference should not come too near to this meeting.

Cordially yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)



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February 6th, 1918.

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ANDREW YOUNG

My dear Mrs. Ueland:-

Your letter with enclosure concerning the
Mississippi Valley Conference received.

I will write Mrs. Pyle at once in answer to
her letter to you; also Mrs. Catt, asking for sug-
gestions as to the time best suited to all.

The third member of the Committee is Mrs.
Grace Julian Clark of Indiana, but I do not know her
address at this time.

I will appreciate any help you can give me in
arranging for the Convention, and am ready right now
for ideas, plans or speakers; also how will the work
be financed?

I am Chairman of the Liberty Loan and War
Savings Committee and have had a busy winter with the
two campaigns and am not through with them yet.

Hoping to hear from you at your convenience,
I am,

Cordially yours,

Agnes A. Leighty
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Mrs. Andreas Ueland,
403 Essex Building,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ueland:--

We are looking over the field in the possibility of strengthening our organization force, as rapidly as possible, and because of Miss Florence Monahan's success in the county in which she worked for so short a time in our state, during the last campaign, we feel that we would like very much to have her back with us. Mrs. McMahon, who is now with us, was not sure whether Miss Monahan was under your employ in your state work or not. Before writing to Miss Monahan, I felt that I wanted to communicate with you and see if you were fully determined to keep her for long, or whether you would let South Dakota have her. I would like, very much, to have about twenty good, live organizers right now, but finances curtail any such possibility, at the present time, so, for that reason, we want to get the most valuable one for the money we have to use. I thank you very much for any information you may give me, or in your putting me in touch with Miss Monahan.

I received a letter, yesterday, from Mrs. Leighty. Evidently, she has done nothing, up to the present time, in regard to the Mississippi Valley Conference. She is waiting to hear from Mrs. Catt as to the possibility of the Conference being held following the probably passage of the Federal Amendment by the Senate. She seems to think that it would not do to have it follow too closely. Now to my mind, having it just preceding or just following the Mississippi Valley Conference might be a good thing to do, as the eastern and southern women would already be at least part way on their way to the Mississippi Valley Conference and we might combine the two. I think that Mrs. Leighty will learn from Mrs. Catt that we had better not let the Council interfere in any way with the Mississippi Valley Conference, as the possibility of a passage by the Senate is an uncertain proposition, as to time. I think that it would be a very good plan if we had the chairmanship in the hands of some one very close to the place of meeting and I so wish that you could take an active part in the arrangements, the program especially

Sincerely,

Mrs. John L. Pyle Mrs. Pyle.

Feb.12,1918

Mrs. John L. Pyle, Pres.,
Universal Franchise League
Huron, S.Dak.

My dear Mrs. Pyle:--

Miss Monahan has recently taken a position with our State Board of Control, Child Welfare Department, and I think she will not give it up, at least for the present, so I am afraid you could not get her as an organizer, but you might at least write her. Her address is 3131 Emerson Ave. S., Minneapolis. She may decide after a few weeks that she does not like her present job. If you can get her, it will not interfere with any plans that we have made.

About the time of the Mississippi Valley Conference, Mrs. Mc Culloch writes as follows:

" With this frigid temperature, Mrs.Pyle ought not to have us come to South Dakota until June or July, for the season will probably be backward and few of our women will dare to go north."

Mrs. Leighty has written to me for suggestions as to program, and we are going to send her some material that we have here in the office.

The vote on the Federal Amendment in the Senate seems to hold up plans of all kinds. I have a letter from Miss Ruth White saying the vote will not be taken anyway before February 20th.

I assure you that I want to help in every way I can with your conference.

Mrs. John Pyle

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I am very glad you have Mrs. Mc Mahon with you.

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. Andreas Ueland,
403 Essex Building,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ueland:--

Your letter of February 12th was received to-day and I thank you for Miss Monahan's address.

I hasten to reply because of what Mrs. McCulloch has said. She says, "with this frigid temperature". Of course, she could say nothing else, coming from Chicago, and I know it has been perfectly terrible there. However, we are having the most beautiful weather now, after our few weeks of bitter cold. May is one of our good months. We must not wait until so late. Furthermore, I take it that if the Federal Amendment passes the Senate, that the Mississippi Valley Conference will be a conference for that mostly because we will not be planning methods for carrying on campaigns in the states, except South Dakota, and if that is the case, we must not put it off until the heat of the summer, which is so much harder to bear.

I must confess that perhaps I have been unnecessarily anxious about this Mississippi Valley Conference, more particularly though as to the dates. I wrote Mrs. Leavitt, president of the Sioux Falls league, asking that she confer with the Commercial Club, hotel keepers and the manager of the auditorium and determine, if possible, some definite time in May when it would be best to have the Conference at Sioux Falls. It seems to me this is wise, as in the entertaining of this conference it will require much hotel space and also good auditorium. Sioux Falls being the convention city, we are very likely to conflict with some other date, so as soon as Mrs. Leavitt writes me, I will pass the date on to you. It does seem to me, however, that the money of May would be the next time. The women of the south and east need not fear the South Dakota weather at that time. I am sure we could produce nothing as disagreeable as the weather at Washington and Chicago, at different conventions that I have attended. I hope that the committee will be able to secure on the program a number of very strong people.

Sincerely,

Wm. John L. Pyle

February 23, 1918

Mrs. John L. Pyle, Pres.,
Universal Franchise League,
Huron, S.Dak.

My dear Mrs. Pyle:--

You have undoubtedly received a bulletin from Mrs. Catt saying that the Council Meeting would probably be called early in April. It would seem to me that this is too early for the Mississippi Valley Conference. However, the time of your meeting should be placed to suit the plans of the South Dakota women, I should think. As far as I am concerned, I think I can plan to come at any time.

I am looking through our files, making a list of all suggestions I can make from our experience in Minneapolis. I will send this to you in a very short time. I will send a copy of all letters written to you or to Mrs. Leighty, to you both, and I suggest that you and Mrs. Leighty do the same, so that we can all keep informed on every point.

As to program, we should make much, of course, of the great advance of suffrage the past year all over the world. There should be somebody from New York, if possible, to tell about the New York campaign and victory. You will, of course, want Mrs. Catt at the meeting. You have probably already written her concerning the time of the conference.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

State President

Woman's Franchise League of Indiana

Affiliated with the National American Woman Suffrage Association 1912

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Indianapolis

February 25, 1918.

Miss Clara M. Heckrich,
Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association,
Minneapolis.

My dear Miss Heckrich:

Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke should be addressed at 115
South Audubon Road, Indianapolis. The name of the part of the city
in which she lives is Irvington.

Sincerely yours,

Dora Bosart

Secretary. *by a. l. s.*

February 28, 1918

Mrs. John L. Pyle, Pres.,
Universal Franchise League,
Huron, South Dakota

My dear Mrs. Pyle:--

Mrs. Ueland asked me to send you the enclosed material with reference to the Mississippi Valley Conference which she selected from our files.

Mrs. Ueland says to use your own judgment as to whether or not you send any of this material on to Mrs. Leighty. We are sending her a copy of the program for the Mass Meeting and a copy of the General program of our 1916 meeting.

Very truly yours,

Business Sect'y.

P.S. We are also enclosing a list of receipts and expenditures of our 1916 meeting in Mpls.

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Mrs. John R. Leighty,
1301 Mannheim Road,
Kansas City, Mo.

My dear Mrs. Leighty:--

I wrote to Mrs. L. Leavitt, of Sioux Falls, president of the franchise league there and asked her to confer with her hotel men, Commercial Club and manager of the auditorium, as to desirable dates for the Mississippi Valley Conference, believing that it would be a good thing to have definite dates in mind. She sent me the dates, first, of the 17th, 18th and 19th of May. The 18th would come on Sunday and I think that this is not a good arrangement to cut the program in two by a Sunday. I referred the matter to her again, asking her for further investigation and she has sent me the dates of the 26th, 27th and 28th of May, thus opening the conference with a Sunday meeting. I have just returned from a state Board meeting at Pierre, and the Board recommends to the Mississippi Valley Conference committee that the dates of the 26th, 27th and 28th of May be the dates selected. This will be very desirable from the stand point of the South Dakota women, because on the day of the 29th, Galli-Curchi is to sing at Sioux Falls. Under this arrangement, we would call a meeting of our state suffrage association for the day of the 29th. I very much hope that this group of dates will meet with the approval of your committee.

Will you kindly send me the name of the third member of your committee? The name has entirely slipped my mind and therefore, I will not be able to put this matter before her. I am sending Mrs. Ueland a carbon copy of this letter so that she may be advised.

I shall be pleased to hear from you very soon in regard to this, as we need to know here.

Very sincerely,

Mrs. John L. Pyle

March 1, 1918

Mrs. John L. Pyle, Pres.,
Universal Equal Franchise League,
Huron, S. Dak.
My dear Mrs. Pyle:--

A copy of the letter that you wrote to Mrs. Leighty has been received, suggesting as a date for the Mississippi Valley Conference May 26th, 27th and 28th.

I write to let you know that we will keep those dates open until the time has been definitely decided.

Sincerely yours,

State President
(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

Copy sent to Mrs. Leighty

March 5, 1918

Mrs. John L. Pyle, Pres.,
S.D. Universal Franchise League,
Huron, South Dakota

My dear Mrs. Pyle:--

I send with this a sort of resume of our Mississippi Valley Conference, and an account of the things we found most worth while. I send you a copy of our receipts and expenditures. I think we spent more money than at most of the other conferences. It was our biggest affair and we left nothing undone. Our printing was in the hands of a very fastidious woman and need not have been so expensive. The Columbus women did not use nearly so much money as we did. I will send you soon a copy of their financial report.

I believe it will be well for me to send copies of letters to Mrs. Leavitt as well as Mrs. Leighty because really upon the local women falls the responsibility of much of the conference.

Mrs. Leighty should have some special stationery printed for the use of Conference correspondence. I will send you and her letter heads used in Minneapolis.

To begin with, you should get your auditorium and your headquarters given you free of charge, and at most of the Conferences, the hotels have given rooms to the three members of the Committee.

Of course, I do not need to say you should connect your most influential and important people with this conference in every possible way. Your Governor, if possible, should give the address of welcome at the mass meeting - the mayor might give a greeting at the opening of the conference proper Monday morning. Your most popular minister give the invocation and so on.

MASS MEETING. Send out letters to your most distinguished local men, legislators, doctors, ministers, editors, representatives of labor and teachers to be on an honorary committee. The only women we asked to be on this committee were heads of organizations, Federated Clubs, our Librarian, Dean of Women at the "U" and a few specially distinguished pioneer suffragists who were too old to take an

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active part otherwise. These people were all invited to sit on the platform, and tickets were sent them for that purpose. The best known visiting suffragists were also asked to sit on the platform.

Every means should be used to get a crowded house at this meeting. Announcements of it should be made at as many meetings of churches, clubs, etc., as will permit it. We used window cards and dodgers.

Speakers at the Mass Meeting should be chiefly distinguished visitors. In fact, we found it easier to make it understood that very few of our local people were to be asked to speak at any time during the Conference. Feelings were not hurt if this was understood at the outset. You should have a special program printed for the Mass Meeting with the names of your honorary committee. The only music we had was the organ played while the audience was assembling and patriotic songs in which everybody joined. The words of these songs were printed on the program.

COLLECTION. Make careful plans for collections. Have ushers stationed at every section of your auditorium. You should get over \$100, anyway, at your Sunday Mass meeting. No admission was charged, of course, to the Mass meeting, but the boxes were sold for \$5.00.

We had the FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:

SPEAKERS: Mrs. Simpson, the chairman, wrote letters several weeks beforehand to the pastors of the most prominent churches asking if they would invite some of the distinguished visitors to occupy their pulpits either Sunday morning or evening. I think we placed speakers in eight churches. We also succeeded in getting speakers at various public meetings held during those days - at the Saturday Lunch Club, Civic and Commerce Association luncheon, etc.

ENTERTAINMENT: Mrs. George Partridge's name was printed on the Call as Chairman of the Entertainment Committee with the request that all who would accept entertainment should send names to her. About 25 women availed themselves of this invitation.

HOUSE: Mrs. Stockwell saw that things were ready each day, looked after ventilation, heating. Saw that order was maintained in the halls and in the back of the room. This committee might take care of ushers, or you can have a special committee for ushers.

TRAIN: Mrs. Cooke, chairman, tried to arrange to have automobiles meet all the trains. They were not very success-

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or that they with some friends would form a "party," and that we could have these names for publicity.

As hostesses we invited presidents of clubs representing temperance workers, Fraternal women, prominent Scandinavians, University women, prominent school principals and many women socially prominent. We got a great deal of publicity from the different parties that were formed in this way. Photographs of prominent women, preferably handsome and well dressed women, should be used in your papers.

Your toastmistress should be the most brilliant woman in your state, and your speakers should as far as possible be people with national reputations. We had too many speakers.

You should have it understood that evening dress was in order but not at all necessary. You want to combine in this affair the fashionable element - so that you get the people who would not be interested otherwise, and the plain and every day people. I think we were quite successful in doing that. In Columbus it seemed to me they did not make sufficient effort to interest the society people, and they had very few men. In Sioux Falls you should succeed in making it the most popular thing that ever happened and make a special effort to get men. Make your women promise to bring at least one man. Some of our women had tables of young people. I, for example, invited a party of University young people. I had two boys in the University then. We could seat less than 500 and our seats were all gone days before the Conference. We had printed invitations to be sent out to special people but never sent them out because our tickets were all sold.

Our Scandinavian Suffrage Club had a special luncheon for a distinguished Scandinavian woman who was one of our speakers. We had a pre-conference rally, sending out a postcard to our members. This was for arousing enthusiasm. Different women reported on the progress of the work, and I think we asked for pledges to support the Conference at the time.

All speakers at the banquet must be asked early to give the subjects of their toasts (~~unless~~ it is assigned them) if it is to be printed on the banquet program.

Copies of the Conference should be sent to all who take part in order that they may know just when they come.

Letters of thanks should be sent to newspapers and hotel people and everyone who helped materially.

Our Mass Meeting was advertised by a special slide in a number of movies. It read:

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CONFERENCE
Minneapolis May 7, 8, 9, 10
MASS MEETING
(Balance on next page)

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ful as there are so many trains coming into Minneapolis. I do not think it is necessary to do this.

LITERATURE: Should have tables and provide helpers for the sale of literature. Probably Miss Ogden or a representative of the National Publishing Co., will go to the conference.

PRICES: Mrs. Walter Thorp, our very excellent press chairman, will write you a special letter about this. You should have someone who is very good, on a salary basis, to do this work.

INFORMATION: We had some capable young suffragists at a table in the lobby of the headquarters hotel.

PRINTING: Takes charge of all printing.

FINANCE This committee asked contributions from prominent suffragists and the leading merchants. We were quite justified in asking these merchants because it is their policy to encourage Conventions of all kinds as it helps their business. I urged the out-of-town suffragists to do their shopping at this time.

SOCIAL Several women, socially prominent, who looked out for the reception before the banquet.

PUBLICITY Mrs. Schwartz took charge of getting merchants to decorate their windows in honor of the Conference. You will, of course, at this time use patriotic decorations as much as possible.

DECORATION. You will want to have decorations, banners, etc., in your auditorium and hotel corridors.

MAILING & ADDRESSING. We sent out a great many pieces of mail, - the call, form letters, etc., and it is well to have a group of women who will take care of them.

BANQUET The banquet is very, very important and should be made as big and brilliant as possible. I would advise having hostesses. By this means you will probably be able to at least double the attendance. But I must tell you also that it means more work.

We sent out letters several weeks before the Conference to perhaps 100 women asking them to be hostesses at our banquet. I have already sent you the form letter to hostesses. It explains that it does not necessarily entail obligation, further than to be there, and to be allowed to use their names, but we hoped many of them would write friends, or club members,

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Should Women Vote

WHY?

Come and find out

Sunday May 7th 3:30 P.M.

Auditorium

Live Speeches

Music

Everyone
Welcome

Free

Please ask any questions on any of these points.

Cordially yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andrea Heland)



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Mrs. Grace Julian Clark,
115 South Audubon Road,
Irvington, Ind.

My dear Mrs. Clark:-

Dates have been submitted by Mrs. John Pyle
of South Dakota for the Mississippi Valley Conference.
They are,- May 26th, 27th and 28th.

I have written Mrs. Catt to learn if this
time is convenient for her. If she finds it so, it
will be satisfactory to all of us. I will keep you
advised by duplicate letters of the plans and sug-
gestions made.

I would be exceedingly glad to hear from you
in regard to the Conference.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs. John R. Leighty)
Executive Chairman



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Huron, South Dakota.

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Your letter telling of dates selected for the
Mississippi Valley Conference received.

I know of no reason why they should not be
acceptable to anyone. I quote below passage from
Mrs. Catt's letter, in reply to one to her from me
on the subject of a desirable time in view of the
Council meeting to be called soon.

"You ought not to have your conference in
Sioux Falls earlier than May and early in
June would not be a bad time."

I am advising her of your conclusion as it
is important that it be a convenient time for her.

The third member of the Committee is,-

Mrs. Grace Julian Clark,
115 South Audubon Road,
Irvington, Indiana.

When the date is definitely settled upon, we
will proceed with the arrangements for the program,
outside of that planned for local people. Have
you a choice of speakers?

Cordially yours,

(Mrs. John R. Leighty)
Executive Chairman

March 6, 1918

Mrs. John L. Pyle, Pres.,
Huron,
S. Dak.

My dear Mrs. Pyle:--

In going through our Mississippi Valley Conference records, etc., I found a number of envelopes containing delegates badges with the names of various states thereon. You will probably be able to make use of them, so am sending them to you under separate cover.

If you wish to use the cut as shown on the attached in any of your printing, we will send that. It was especially designed for the Mississippi Valley Conference.

Yours very truly

Business Sec'y.



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Mrs. Andreas Ueland,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ueland:-

Your letter to Mrs. Pyle with enclosures received.

I am enclosing copies of letters to Mrs. Pyle and Mrs. Clark.

Mrs. Clark is the third member of the Committee and her address is,-

Mrs. Grace Julian Clark,
115 South Audubon Road,
Irvington, Indiana.

I judge from your report of the Conference held in Minneapolis that the expense was met by contributions from Minneapolis people.

Last year the states were asked to help but how readily they responded I do not know. I have no doubt they will be less likely to do anything this year.

Nothing definitely can be decided on until I hear from Mrs. Catt in regard to the date. Will advise you of her reply and we can then confer upon program.

Cordially yours

(Mrs. John R. Leighty)
Executive Chairman

March 12, 1918

Mrs. John R. Leighty,
1301 Monheim Road,
Kansas City, Mo.

My dear Mrs. Leighty:--

I want to ask yours and Mrs. Pyle's advice about taking care of the expenses of the conference. Some body said, I do not remember who, that I had better be treasurer or Finance Chairman of the Conference Committee. I do not believe they ever had such an officer before, and I wonder if it is a good plan to have such a person.

When the conference was held in Minneapolis, Mrs. Florence Peterson of Chicago was chairman. She held what money there was left from the preceding conference and used it for her expenses in Chicago, stationery, etc. Then our state treasurer took care of the expenses in Minneapolis and we had a Finance committee who raised the money. I have deposited in the bank here \$120.01 left from the Columbus conference.

The question is should I send this to Mrs. Leighty, and let her take care of what expenses she may have before the conference, and if there is anything left, give it to the treasurer in South Dakota. I am inclined to think this is the best plan. I am quite willing to try to raise some more money from the various states in the Mississippi Valley; just as soon as the date is settled, I will send out letters asking for contributions but it seems to me that the bills could best be taken care of first by Mrs. Leighty in Kansas City and that those incurred in Sioux Falls should be taken care of there by their local treasurer.

Will Mrs. Pyle and Mrs. Leighty both express their opinion upon this?

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland) Sincerely yours,

Mrs. John L. Pyle, Huron,
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Vice President

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Mrs. Andreas Ueland,
403 Essex Building,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ueland:--

I received the copy of letter which
you sent to Mrs. John R. Leighty and note the question which
you have asked for us each to answer.

It seems to me that it would be best
to send the money which you have to Mrs. Leighty, for ex-
penses, under the conditions you mention,

Very sincerely,

Mrs. John L. Pyle

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Mrs. Andreas Ueland,
403 Essex Building,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Mrs. Ueland:--

I am enclosing you a copy of a letter which I am sending to Mrs. Leighty. I can not help but be just a little anxious, knowing that Mrs. Leighty has had no experience in this Mississippi Valley Conference work and I believe last year's meeting was the first she attended.

I suppose that you have seen by the papers, the action of our Legislature in its special session last week, in amending our amendment to include a clause covering the alien voter. Perhaps you do not know that our state is one of six that allow the foreigner to vote after he has taken out first papers and this move on the part of the Legislature is an attempt to rectify this, so you can see we are in a double-headed campaign and our question is classed in the Americanization movement. We feel very grateful over it.

Very sincerely,

Mrs. John L. Pyle.

March 26th, 1918.

Mrs. John R. Leighty,
Kansas City, Mo.

My dear Mrs. Leighty:--

It is now some time since I have heard from you in regard to any further developements for the program of the Mississippi Valley Conference. Time is at hand when some call or public notice to the Conference should be given. We had a letter from the Woman Citizen, this week, asking for the dates of the Conference and we have sent them the dates which have been proposed to the committee and up to the present time, seem to be satisfactory. These dates are the 26th, 27th and 28th of May. Since the Executive Council meeting is to be held at Indianapolis the 18th and 19th of April, this will not interfere, I think, as it gives some thing over a month between them.

Will you kindly write me just what the status of the Mississippi Valley Conference is at the present time? It, of necessity, causes me some anxiety because time does slip by so rapidly and it is not any too soon to get the definite arrangements made now. We are interested in having the Mississippi Valley Conference a great success this year and, strategically, it is an opportune time to make this a ratification conference, as well as a war conference.

Please let me hear from you at once.

Sincerely yours,



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Mrs. Andreas Ueland,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My Dear Mrs. Ueland:

Owing to illness I will be
unable to continue as Chairman of the Committee
for the Mississippi Valley Conference.

I am exceedingly sorry but I have
had more to do than I should and the strain has
been too much. I am writing Mrs. Pyle today
I have been in bed most of the time for the
past two weeks and was unable to write you
until now.

Sincerely Yours,

James D. Leighton